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From the Private Secretary

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*Dear Ken,*

ROISIN McALISKEY

I should record that Paddy Teahon, from the Taoiseach's office, raised this with me earlier this week, at the Taoiseach's request. He said that he appreciated the criminal investigation background to the case but there was considerable humanitarian concern in the Irish Republic about Ms McAliskey's treatment while on remand. I explained the position in some detail, including the recent down-grading of her security categorisation and the imminent decision on whether she would be allowed to keep her baby. Teahon did not press hard, and was grateful for the explanation.

I am copying this letter to Ken Sutton (Home Office), Jan Polley (Cabinet Office) and Veronica Sutherland (Dublin - by fax).

*Yours sincerely*

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