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(Office of the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform)

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH (Dublin)



29 October, 1997.

Dear Private Secretary,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Mr. John O'Donoghue, T.D., to refer to the Home Secretary's letter dated 28 October, 1997 regarding the repatriation of prisoners.

The Minister, who is out of Dublin at the moment, has asked me to convey his appreciation of the Home Secretary's efforts in this matter and he agrees that the outstanding repatriations may be processed on the basis outlined in the letter. Furthermore, he would welcome very early decisions on the outstanding cases.

Finally, as regards a common response to possible queries the Minister agrees with the approach set out in the draft text attached to the Home Secretary's letter and also that officials continue to liaise on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Private Secretary

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