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From the Private Secretary

15 October 1997

Dear Gen,

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS BILL

Thank you for your letter of 14 October. As you know, the Prime Minister has agreed that Clause 3 of the Bill should be changed to exclude sporting events from the extended remit. This has added to the outrage of the UUP about the delay in the implementation of the extended remit, but should help us with the Irish and the SDLP. Paddy Teahon raised this with me yesterday. I am ensuring that he is aware of how much grief we are suffering to help the Taoiseach.

I am copying this letter to Jan Polley (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever
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