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Dear David

ROISIN McALISKEY

I thought you would like to know that the Home Secretary has received a formal set of representations from Birnberg's, Roisin McAliskey's solicitors, asking him to review the original order to proceed in this case.

This a fresh development, and the Home Secretary will consider it extremely carefully. This will include commissioning further legal advice: reviewing an earlier decision is a step which, arguably, he is not able to do. He will, naturally, take into account those concerns raised by Dr Mowlam when she wrote to him recently.

We are not envisaging a change to present handling arrangements: if knowledge of the request is made public, we intend to acknowledge that the request has been received and that the Home Secretary is considering his response.

I am copying this letter to John Holmes and to Jan Polley.

Yours

DAVID REDHOUSE

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