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type to decide (M) represent Sarah Denvir circulated a revised standard letter on Monday. We will probably have to revise that slightly in the light of today's decision at the High Court, but there is no real change in substance. We are all at a management awayday tomorrow - I should be grateful if you could use/send on the line to take below as necessary, in advance of a re-thought package on Thursday/ Friday. I am taking all additional

queries until 6pm tonight!

Lines to take

the High Court has decided that the Bow St. magistrate can take a decision on Rolsin McAliskey's committal in her absence; this will probably take place on 2 January, when a date has already been fixed (it is a matter for Bow St.);

a letter has been received by the Home Secretary from Roisin McAliskey's legal representatives, requesting him, exceptionally, either to reconsider the authority to proceed issued in January 1997, or to take a decision under section 12 of the Extradition Act before a decision is reached in the committal proceedings;

- he has considered the request carefully: the Divisional Court has ruled in a previous case that he does not have the power to reconsider the authority to proceed, once issued, in any extradition case; nor may he take a final decision until the courts have committed Roisin McAliskey to await his decision;
- he has however decided to start considering the representations put before him;
- this is without prejudice to the courts' decision on committal or the Secretary of State's decision on

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surrender. The Secretary of State can only take his final decision once the magistrate has taken his on committal.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Checksfield

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