



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

3 September 1981

File Ireland

*ccs H.O.
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Press Office*

Dear Mike,

You sent Mike Pattison a copy of your letter of 2 September 1981 to David Heyhoe about the statement Mr Alison proposes to issue on Friday of this week about the report of the inquiry into the escape of eight remand prisoners from HM Prison, Belfast in June.

The Prime Minister is content for Mr Alison to put out the statement attached to your letter, although she has commented that it is a devastating report.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Halliday (Home Office) and David Heyhoe (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office).

Yours etc,

Alan Whinnor.

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