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Dear David

POLICE (COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDANTS IN CASE OF DEATH OFF DUTY) BILL

You will have seen that Mr Richard Page is seeking leave to introduce a ten minute rule Bill on Tuesday 22 December 1981 which aims to provide full compensation under the industrial injuries scheme for widows and other dependants of police killed when off duty.

The background to the Bill is not known. It would have police officers treated as a special case under the industrial injuries scheme. There are already provisions covering an officer who, although otherwise off duty, is injured when he resumes the course of his employment by intervening in a situation which requires police action. Apart from such occasions, industrial injuries benefits are available to policemen, as to other employed earners, only where injury or death results from accidents arising out of and in the course of employment. The Government could not accept an amendment to that basic condition on behalf of a special group.

In any case, one of the proposals in the recently published White Paper 'Reform of the Industrial Injuries Scheme' (Commd 8402) is that death benefits under the industrial injuries scheme should be abolished in favour of the benefit cover which already exists under the main national insurance scheme.

My Secretary of State therefore wishes that steps should be taken to ensure that the Bill does not make progress.

As in the time available I have been unable to consult other Departments, I am copying this letter to members of L Committee, Colin Walters (Home Office), Mike Hopkins (Northern Ireland) and Peter Moore (Chief Whips Office) and I would be grateful if they could send their comments direct to you. A copy goes to Sir Robert Armstrong for information.

yours
 Brendan O'Gorman

BRENDAN O'GORMAN
 Private Secretary

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Dear David

POLICE (COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDANTS IN CASE
OF DEATH OFF DUTY) BILL

We have seen a copy of Brendan O'Gorman's letter of 16th December.

The Home Secretary is content with the line proposed by the Secretary of State for Social Services.

I am copying this letter to Private Secretary to members of L Committee, to Brendan O'Gorman (D.H.S.S.), Mike Hopkins (No.10) and to David Wright.

Yours sincerely
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