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*Permanent Under Secretary
Sir Philip Woodfield KCB CBE*

F E R Butler Esq
Principal Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister
No 10 Downing Street

22 December 1983

Dear Robin,

Thank you for your letter of 21 December to Sir Philip Woodfield. We have taken points (i) and (ii) on board. So far as point (iii) is concerned, the Private Secretary can replace Mr Merifield in Car Plan B.

I attach a copy of the communication plan; the telephone numbers of RUC Newtownards, Drumadd Barracks, Aughnacloy and Aldergrove are on page 3. Owing to the incompatibility of the several secure telephone systems, however, it would probably be best if initial contact could be made through the NIO Private Office in Stormont Castle.

I understand that Mr Prior has already spoken either to the Prime Minister or yourself about Mr Kilfedder's presence at Aldergrove. One final point - I understand that members of the party will all need wellington boots!

*Yours sincerely,
Simon Marsh*

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Private Secretary

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COMMUNICATION PLAN

Secure Communication

Secure communication (up to Secret) via the Erastos (Bruin) network exist between Stormont Castle, RAF Aldergrove, Drumadd Barracks, Armagh, RUC Headquarters and HQNI.

Secure communication (up to Secret) on the RUC net exist between RUC Newtownards and RUC Headquarters and on the Army net between Aughnacloy Army Base and the Operations Room at HQNI.

The Private Office at Stormont Castle, which will be manned by Mr Reeve and Mr Cornick can receive secure messages either direct from the party or via the RUC and HQNI and can pass them by the Secure Telephone System (STS) (up to top secret) to No 10.

Secure document transmission from Stormont Castle to NIO (London) and thence to No 10 can be effected by Mufax. Documents to be mufaxed should be addressed to Mr Cornick in the Private Office at Stormont Castle.

During flight the helicopter can contact HQNI and the army bases, and RUC HQ which would be in touch with ground police. This is not secure.

A list of secure telephone numbers is given below.

NI ERASTOS (Bruin)

RAF Aldergrove

Army Air Corps Ops Room	(96) 28, 29 or 30
Senior RAF Officer (NI)	(96) 20

Drumadd Barracks, Armagh

Battalion Ops Room	(90) 799
CO	(90) 688

RUC Headquarters

Chief Constable	(95) 20
Deputy Chief Constable	(95) 21
Force Control	(95) 26
Security Branch	(95) 25

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HQNI

GOC	(90) 601
CLF	(90) 602
Civil Adviser	(90) 664
Operations Room	(90) 681 or 682.
Major Trigger	(90) 682

NIO Stormont Castle

Mr Reeve)	
Mr Cornick)	(94) 20, 21, 22 or 23

Secure Telephone System (STS)

NIO Stormont Castle	(0232) 63011 Ext 226
NIO London	(01) 273 3730
10 Downing Street	(01) 930 4433

Useful numbers (Codes given are from Belfast)

	Home	Office
Mr J Kilfedder MP	Donaghadee (973) 88322	Belfast 63210 Ext 2577
Rt Hon John Taylor MP	Armagh (0861) 522409	Belfast 224601 (UUP HQ)
Cllr McBriar Mayor of Ards	Castlereagh (823) 454	Newtownards (971) 812215 (Council Offices)
Cllr Johnston Deputy Mayor of Ards	Killinchy (9) 541085	Newtownards (971) 812215 (Council Office) Millisle (91) 861376
Mr Cecil Hull President, Newtownards Chamber of Trade		Newtownards (971) 821085
Mr Jim Nicholson MP	Armagh (0861) 523307	Belfast 224601 (UUP HQ)
Mr Hutchison Chairman, Armagh District Council	Richhill (0762) 871637	Armagh (0861) 524052 (Council Office)
Mr Ken Maginnis MP	Dungannon (08687) 23265	Belfast 63210 Ext 2581 (NI Assembly) 224601 (UUP HQ)

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Mr W R Brown
Chairman, Dungannon
District Council

Dungannon
(08687) 22007

Dungannon
(08687) 25311
(Council Office)
Dungannon
(08687) 2245

Other Communication

Whenever the party is in transit, and during the visit to Newtownards shopping centre no secure communications are available. Messages can be transmitted on RUC and Army radio networks or over open telephone lines, but guarded language must be used.

GPO telephone numbers are as follows

RAF Aldergrove	Crumlin 084-94-52051 Ext 313
Woolworths, Newtownards	Newtownards 0247-81309
Brown's Drapery Shop	Newtownards 0247-813087
RUC Newtownards	Newtownards 0247-818080 Ext 218
Drumadd Barracks, Armagh	Armagh 0861-523388 (direct)
Aughnacloy Army Base	Aughnacloy 066252-588 Ext 24
RUC Headquarters	Belfast 0232-65022
HQNI	Lisburn 08462-5111
NIO Stormont Castle	Belfast ⁽⁰²³²⁾ 63011 or 63255
NIO London (Private Office)	London (01) 273 4783 or 4784
10 Downing Street	London (01) 930 4433

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