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GLASGOW CASE

As you know the application for a private prosecution was heard this week and the hearing concluded today.

The Court deferred judgment and I would think it will be a week or possibly two weeks before judgment is issued. Although it is only an impression gained at the hearing I consider it likely that the Court will grant the application if they are satisfied that there can be a fair trial in this case in spite of the very strong publicity which there has been about it. I think the hearing concluded with the Court not having made up its mind fully on this question. What the ultimate answer will be on this point I therefore cannot forecast.

I am copying this minute to the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Attorney General.

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(Dictated by the Lord Advocate
and initialled in his absence)

19th March 1982.



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Copy to Mr. Jeffrey

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Dear Mr. Whitmore,

GLASGOW RAPE CASE: PRIVATE PROSECUTION

I refer to my letter of 8th February and other correspondence.

The Lord Advocate has asked me to inform you that the Bill for Criminal Letters in connection with the above case will be heard by the High Court in Edinburgh next Tuesday and Wednesday, 16th and 17th March. The Lord Advocate will himself appear before the Court to explain his position on this case.

Yours sincerely,

Christine M. Gordon

Private Secretary