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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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The Rt Hon Douglas Hurd CBE MP  
Home Secretary  
50 Queen Anne's Gate  
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Dear Secretary of State,

CONFISCATION OF THE PROFITS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING

You may remember that when you were here we were considering the possibility of having the Drug Trafficking Offences Bill extend directly to Northern Ireland. However, once the Bill became available to us in draft, it was apparent that extensive modifications would have had to be made to an already complex set of provisions. I have therefore approved the introduction of similar legislation for Northern Ireland through a separate Order in Council subject to affirmative resolution.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Members of H & L Committees, the Attorney General, the Lord Advocate, the First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely  
Edward  
(Private Secretary)

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(Approved by the Secretary of State  
and signed in his absence in  
Northern Ireland)



