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*Dear Mr Rickett* *Prime Minister*  
*The affair I mentioned*  
*this afternoon.* *WR 18/11*

You will wish to know that due to developments with the De Lorean motor companies Mr Butler, following advice from the Leader of the House, intends to answer the following arranged Parliamentary question tomorrow:-

Question "To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland if he will make a further statement on the affairs of De Lorean."

Mr Butler "In a statement to the House on 19 February 1982 about the affairs of the De Lorean motor companies, my Right Honourable Friend referred to an investigation of the company's affairs made by Coopers and Lybrand. The Receivership, which was announced that day, is being undertaken by Sir Kenneth Cork and Mr Paul Shewell, partners in Cork Gully, a member firm of Coopers and Lybrand. During the Receivership enquiries have continued into a number of matters, relating to the conduct of the De Lorean business, brought to light in the Coopers and Lybrand report. On the basis of information which has come to hand in the course of these further enquiries, papers relating to a number of such matters have now been referred to the Chief Constable of the RUC for his consideration."

*Yours sincerely*  
*W D A Haire*

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