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THE PRIME MINISTER

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*Dear Mr. Livingstone,*

Thank you for your letter of 12 August.

You say that the material enclosed with your letter entitled "Ulster - A State of Subversion" was written by Mr Wallace as part of his official duties while employed by the Ministry of Defence in Northern Ireland. In fact such a document could under no circumstances have formed a part of any official duties undertaken by a civil servant.

You also allege, without foundation, that Airey Neave contacted Colin Wallace after he left Northern Ireland and asked him to provide official information. This attempt to blacken Airey Neave's name is deplorable. I am aware of no such evidence to show that Mr Wallace had contact with Mr Neave before he left Government service. On the contrary, the evidence rejects this allegation. Moreover, the material provided by Mr Wallace was obviously provided freely as his own work and not presented anywhere as a product of his employment with the Ministry of Defence. The note at the bottom of the letter from Airey Neave of 31 August describes the material as 'your own resume'.

I repeat that any new evidence in your possession relating to the commission of criminal offences should be given to the appropriate authorities.

*Yours sincerely*

*Margaret Thatcher*

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