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From the Principal Private Secretary

3 August 1981

Dear Mike,

You wrote to Michael Alexander on 31 July 1981 about Miss Dolours Price.

The Prime Minister has seen your letter and has noted that, in the light of medical advice, your Secretary of State has agreed that Miss Price may take a family holiday at a known address in the Irish Republic for a period not exceeding one month.

Yours ever,

Michael Whitman.

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From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

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31 July 1981

Dear Michael

I am writing to advise you of a development in the case of Dolours Price, who, you will recall, was released on licence in April for health reasons. She had been serving a sentence of life imprisonment in Armagh Prison for explosives offences.

One of the conditions of the licence was that Miss Price should not leave Northern Ireland without first obtaining the permission of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Since her release she has been attending hospital as an out-patient where she is under the care of Dr Weaver, consultant in metabolic disease. Dr Weaver has now asked that she should be allowed to take a holiday with one of her sisters in the Irish Republic for recuperative purposes. He says that although her condition has improved somewhat, she is certainly not back to normal in terms of weight and physical well-being. Mr Atkins has agreed that she may take a family holiday at a given address in the Irish Republic for a period not to exceed one month.

Neither Dolours nor Marian Price has come to the notice of the RUC's Special Branch in any way since their release. We will, however, inform the RUC of Dolours Price's temporary move to the Irish Republic when the arrangements have been settled so that they may inform the Gardai.

Yours sincerely
Mike Hopkins

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