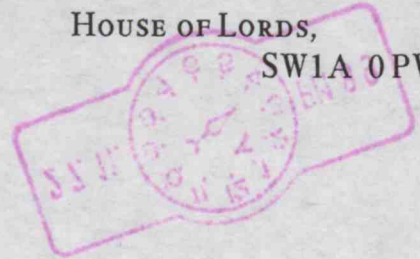


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The Secretary of State,

INQUEST IN NORTHERN IRELAND: DRAFT CORONERS ORDER

I have seen the extensive correspondence between Ministers concerning your proposal that any necessary legislation should be delayed until after the outcome of the Crown appeal to the House of Lords is known. I have also discussed the position with Patrick Mayhew and I have nothing to add to his letter to Tom King of 8 November.

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It seems that we are now all agreed that the legislation should be delayed as you suggest, but on the basis that in the event that the result of the appeal is unfavourable, we must be ready to legislate immediately in order to ensure the reinstatement of Rule 9(2) and (3) before the outstanding inquests are resumed.

Copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, Patrick Mayhew, Geoffrey Howe, John Major, Douglas Hurd and to Patrick Walker and Sir Robin Butler.

your mine,
[Signature]

*(Approved by the Lord
Chancellor and signed
in his absence)*

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