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28 April, 1987.

Mr. Eamon O'Tuathail,
Assistant Secretary,
Department of Foreign Affairs.

PERSONAL AND SECRET

Dear Eamon,

Thank you for your letter of yesterday's date re. the question of who should represent the Government at the funeral of Lord Justice and Mrs. Gibson.

The Government, at their meeting today, agreed that the Attorney General should attend on their behalf. It is understood that the Chief Justice and Deputy Alan Dukes, Leader of the Fine Gael Party, will also be attending. As already mentioned to you, in view of security considerations, police transport should be provided for all three VIP's. I understand your Department are co-ordinating the necessary arrangements in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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DERMOT NALLY,
Secretary to
the Government.

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*cc Mr Stephen Inaguel Dept of Justice
(to whom I spoke about the matter)*

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27 April, 1987.

Mr. Dermot Nally,
Secretary to the Government,
Government Buildings,
Merrion Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Dermot,

The question of who should represent the Government at the funeral of Lord Justice and Mrs. Gibson arises. The funeral will take place at 11.30 am on Wednesday (29 April) in Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, Malone Road, Belfast.

By way of precedent, I recall that when Judge William Doyle, a County Court judge, was murdered in January 1983, the then Attorney General, Mr. Peter Sutherland, attended. Perhaps this precedent could be followed also in the present case.

I understand that the Chief Justice is considering attending the funeral.

The arrangements for the funeral are being made directly with the office of the Lord Chief Justice (phone. (084) 235111 ext. 201) in Belfast.

Yours sincerely,

Eamon O Tuathail
Assistant Secretary