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with the statement forthwith; and this was done. The DPP's office was also informed.

5. Clearly, this subject is likely to arise in almost all the discussions that the Secretary of State will be having in the period immediately ahead eg in Oxford over the weekend and with Mr Molyneaux on 18 September. Obviously, no comment can be made on the detail of cases which are now to come before the courts. But it can at least be said that the decisions to illustrate the care with which all cases are investigated by the RUC; the strict legal standards followed by the DPP and Attorney General in reaching their decisions; and the fact that of the six deaths in the three incidents of 11 and 24 November 1982 and 12 December 1982, the evidence submitted warranted prosecution in two cases - scarcely evidence of a "shoot to kill" policy.

6. I shall, of course, be reporting on further developments in these cases; on the issues they raise; and on how we can best proceed.

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