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26 March 1986

Dear Assistant Secretary

A further gloss on the Glenholmes case

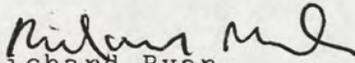
I met Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General today: he was in a rage. He said that a new Glenholmes warrant had been returned because a full stop was missing somewhere in the text. He said that this is balls and that at this stage he must begin to query whether Dublin is firm or infirm of purpose; he feels he will have to take the question up with John Rogers.

We had a discussion in which I reiterated our views about the need for legal transparency. He said that it was hardly necessary for me to lecture him on all that, and that a punctuation mark was hardly to do with the substance of the matter.

I stopped short of asking him whether the warrant concerned could possibly have failed for nothing more than a punctuation mark (although in all innocence one wondered whether such a thing could be possible) but I drew from the conversation the possibility that if it were so, then Havers, who admitted in conversation yesterday that he is in the deep stuff over this, could for purposes of self defence and if the pressure on him were to increase, let it be known here that warrants could fall in Dublin for such a reason.

I conveyed Havers' comments by 'phone to Matt Russell of the A.G.'s office in case Havers decided to act as he said he intended to.

Yours sincerely


 Richard Ryan
 Counsellor.