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Department of Foreign Affairs

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH, 2.
Dublin 2.

25 September, 1987.

Mr. Brian Collinge,
Department of the Taoiseach,
Government Buildings,
Dublin 2.

Dear Brian,

Attached is a draft reply to Chris Mullen's letter of
18 August 1987 to the Taoiseach. The draft was prepared
by Declan O'Donovan.

Yours sincerely,

J. Dillon.



Review Conditions

Oifig an Taoisigh
Office of the Taoiseach

September 1987

Mr Chris Mullin M.P.
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA.

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by Rowan Office
9/3/88*

Dear Mr Mullin

I refer to your letter of 18th August, 1987.

The question of the ratification of the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, which you raise, is based on press speculation. No decision has yet been made by the Government in the matter.

May I say that I greatly welcome the publicity which has been given to the cases of the Birmingham Six, Guildford Four and Maguires. I welcome also the efforts of yourself and others in public life and in the media on behalf of those convicted. I do not think, however, that, as a rule, the efforts made by the Irish Government in these cases should be made in the public arena. We are pursuing these matters directly and regularly with the British Government in the ways that we consider best and we will continue to do so.

The Government will certainly be represented at the Court of Appeal hearing.

Yours sincerely

Taoiseach