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Dear Harold,

Thank you for your letter of 17 February about the "wining and dining" allegation against troops in connection with the Tynan Abbey murders.

The Army have investigated the matter and are satisfied that uniformed soldiers were not drinking in Hughes' Hotel, Middletown, on the night of Sir Norman Stronge's murder. I am happy to be able to squash this further rumour.

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Yours etc