

22 March 1994,

Mr Ken Maginnes MP,  
House of Commons,  
Westminster,  
LONDON SW1A 0AA.

Dear Ken,

**Re: Neil Latimer Case**

Just a note about this matter. I had a post-Anglo-Irish Conference briefing with Sir Patrick today, and was talking to him about the above case. He was not very positive. He said that he was studying my report, but correctly points out that it refers to the mental state of Witness A, some years prior to the event, and suggests that even my evidence that her propensities are likely to be long-lasting, may not be sufficient for the legal people. I hope that is not the last word on the subject.

I was not aware that it was your intention to publish the report, I thought that it was just for a legal submission. In that regard I think that it may have been ill-advised to blot out her name on the first page, but leave in her address, and also print her name at every other point throughout the document. I trust that no ill may come of it, but I am a little concerned that her identity etc., has been made available and widely distributed.

I am sorry that things went so badly at the weekend. The situation is not good. I warned both Paddy Mayhew and Dick Spring that something of this kind was coming a few weeks ago. It's all too bad. It just plays into the hands of the extremists on both sides.

Do let me know if something more positive comes up on the Latimer case.

Kindest Regards,

Dr John T Alderdice  
PARTY LEADER