

cc PUS  
Mr England  
Mr Bourn

You will have seen in my note on a meeting with Mr Andy Tyrrie on Friday 21 March that Mr Tyrrie expressed concern about his personal security and asked whether we could help him to get a firearms certificate. I explained the difficulties but said that it was just possible that his companion, Mr James Creighton of 32B Bute Park, Ballybeen, might be able to obtain one if he was not a member of an extremist organisation (I was assured that he was not on the Brigade staff of the UDA). Subsequently over the weekend Mr Tyrrie rang me and I suggested that he ask Mr Creighton to immediately apply. I will find out in due course which police station is concerned.

2. Although I appreciate that the British Government's policy is opposed to the proliferation of weapons, I believe that this is a useful precedent in the context of other very delicate matters of which you are aware.

J N Allan

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