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MR. RICKETT

(s/v)

Stephen Boys-Smith would like to have a word with you about powers of entry and dogs in Northern Ireland. There has apparently been correspondence between the Northern Ireland Secretary and the Solicitor General on the powers of entry that dog wardens should have, and a measure of agreement has been reached. But the Northern Ireland Office are apparently worried that they may have gone further than the remit on powers of entry that they were at some stage given by the Prime Minister. I told Stephen I knew nothing about any of this, and that it might be better if he spoke to you on Thursday.

Can you ring him please?

Note

I have told Mike Hopkins that we hope this can be resolved between his firm & Sir Ken Perceval, or failing that, in the Committee.

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