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Dear Professor Wilkinson,

Thank you for your letter of December 20. As you say this whole area of links between former Warsaw Pact states and the IRA or other terrorist groups is a complex subject. Despite further extensive research I have been unable to find much which links the strategy of the Warsaw Pact with the support of groups like the IRA.

As I noted in my last letter you commented on an edition of Thames' This Week programme [28.6.90 'Semtex - A trail of terror'] that there was no doubt that "the Czechs, just like the East Germans, the Hungarians, the Poles, when they were under the Communist tyranny, were carrying out their portion of the overall work of the Warsaw Pact Countries in sponsoring terrorism, in training people to do it." The question is did the Czechs supply the Libyans with the intention of the explosives reaching the IRA? Later in the programme you go on to apparently confirm this view by saying "I think there's absolutely no doubt that they regarded aid to national liberation Movements and fraternal revolutionary movements, as they would have called them, groups like the IRA, as a positive step towards helping to weaken or disrupt other countries, diverting the security forces of Western countries away from their external defence role within NATO and causing them further trouble and helping to, as they saw it, undermine Western States."

I wonder if I might ask, in the interests of scholarly accuracy, whether you have any evidence of either political or military assistance being given by any Warsaw Pact country either directly or indirectly to the IRA.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'David Miller'.

David Miller