**Ernley Blackwell to George Gavan Duffy**

**HO 144/1636/311643/17**

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Dear Sir,

With reference to our interview of yesterday, I am directed by the Secretary of State to inform you that, while Mr. Doyle's papers will not be subjected to examination upon his arrival in this country, Mr. Doyle cannot be permitted to be present at private interviews between Sir Roger Casement and his legal advisers. Any visit which Mr. Doyle may be allowed to pay to the prisoner must be within sight and hearing of an Officer, as in the case of all visits other than those of the prisoner's legal advisers.

As regards, Mr. Doyle's documents, I am to point out to you that Mr. Doyle himself will not be allowed to hand anything to the prisoner which has not been scrutinized by the Prison Officials. Any document that has a bearing upon the prisoner's defence can, of course, be shown to him by you, whether it comes from Mr. Doyle or otherwise: but as I reminded you yesterday it rests with you to, see that any documents shown to the prisoner, and indeed any business transacted with him, must be strictly confined to matters relating to the prisoner's defence. I am obliged to emphasise this in view of Sir Roger Casement's request in his petition - to which I referred yesterday - that he might be allowed to instruct Mr. Doyle as to how to deal with various documents in Europe and America, a request which certainly will not be complied with.

Yours truly,

Sgd. E. Blackwell