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Mr. Molloy:

To see please a letter filed across from Winwell Productions Ltd. requesting permission to film certain scenes for the production of "Enter Inspector Duval" in the entrance to Iveagh House on or about the 24th May, 1961.

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The letter is not too specific about what precisely is required but from the reference to "suitable weather conditions" I presume that the equipment would be placed outside the building and that an actor or actress would either enter or leave the building through the front door.

I have ascertained from the ^{Protocol} ~~Political~~ Section that there will be a reception for President Sukarno of Indonesia on the 25th May and an Industry and Commerce reception on the 26th May but that there are no functions of this nature taking place on the 22nd, 23rd or 24th May.

While it is difficult to conceive that no inconvenience at all would result from the filming, at the same time I would be inclined to recommend that we accede to the request. The availability of suitable buildings etc. for shooting films is presumably of importance to the Ardmore Studios. We should ascertain the views of the Office of Public Works in the matter but if the Minister is not in favour of according any facilities to Winwell Productions Ltd. there is no need for us to approach the Office of Public Works.

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An early decision is desirable in view of the fact that it is now the 13th May.

PdP.