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FROM: D J WATKINS
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DATE: 27 MAY 1993

CC: PS/PUS (B&L) - B
Mr Thomas - B
Mr Bell - B
Mr Williams - B
Mr Brooker - B
Mrs Collins - B
Mr Cooke - B
Mr Maccabe - B
Mr Maxwell - B
Mr McCusker - B
Mr Quinn - B
Mr Archer, RID - B
HMA, Dublin - B

Ms Murphy

*Mr high
Save interests
definition of
unionists*

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PS/Mr Fell - B

DFA AND UNIONISM

1. Following the meeting chaired by PUS on 27 April, Mr Maccabe and I have now derived the attached list of people who might be fielded before the DFA, in appropriate social circumstances, in the process of encouraging our Irish colleagues to develop a rather more comprehensive understanding of the nature of unionism. I have myself noticed no diminution in the evidence suggesting that that educational process is necessary, though Bishop McMullan provided an effective counterbalance to DFA prejudice.

2. We have sought to provide three very broad categories of unionists, viz:-

(i) those active in party politics;

(ii) those not (or no longer) active in party politics but known to hold unionist views; and

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- (iii) those such as community leaders who may represent that strand of particularly working-class unionism. This group offers the additional prospect that they might also be able effectively to represent some of the causes of the current ferment in the unionist community at large.

3. If Mr Fell and other colleagues agree to this list (about whom more details may be available on request), then the next step would be for Mr Williams and Mrs Collins to consider how, when and in what forum/context those on the list might come to meet the Irish. This could, for example, be at lunches or dinners at Maryfield, lunches or dinners at Stormont House or a neutral venue or in other circumstances such as receptions which might occur from time to time. To achieve this it might be necessary to do no more than invite Mr Williams and Mrs Collins to draw on this list from time to time in making suggestions to their opposite numbers as to whom the Irish might entertain.

4. It would, however, be important that, before any on the attached list meet with DFA colleagues, they should be approached by PAB, Central Secretariat or another division/colleague who knows them personally in order to paint in some of the background and purpose to their forthcoming invitation. Clearly a good deal of wisdom and discretion would be needed in advising guests.

5. Mr Maccabe and I are happy to discuss.

[Signed DJW]

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"Unionists" who are active in Party Politics

Jeffrey Donaldson
Robert Coulter
Raymond Ferguson
Ian Paisley (Junior)
Gregory Campbell
Roy Bradford

Liz Seawright
Sean Neeson
Seamus Close
Ian Adamson
Hugh Smyth
Drew Nelson

Non - Political Unionists

A T Q Stewart
Clifford Smith
Lord Cooke
Lord Blease
Alisdair McLaughlin
Godfrey Brown
Paul Hewitt
Peter McLachlan
Rae Davey
Basil Glass
Lady Faulkner
William Fitch
Paul Bew
Edna Longley
James Hawthorne

Peter Smith QC
Robin Bailie
Noel Stewart
Sir A Campbell
Anthony Hart
John Martin
Robert McCartney
Addie Morrow
John Morrow
Sir D Lorimer

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Community Leaders

Jackie Redpath
Sammy Douglas
Jackie Hewitt
Rev Jim Rea

Billy Hutchinson
Monica Barrett (Quaker)
Jack Hanvey
Eddie Callaghan

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