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Many thanks for your letter of 13 December about the above. I fully understand the considerations you must take into account in considering legal proceedings arising out of the assembly. Certainly my own feeling at the moment is that it is better to let the assembly go unnoticed rather than to focus the attention of the world on the participants by hauling them before a court. This, however, is a situation which could change if and when any harmful "executive" acts appear to be taken by or on behalf of the assembly.

I am sending a copy of our correspondence to the Chief Constable for his information; a copy of this reply goes also to Leitch.

With the compliments of the season.

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