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1. Mr Kirk
2. Mr Beckett
3. Secretary

Word was received at 4.40 pm on 14 May that there could be problems on 15 May (6 months after the Anglo-Irish Agreement). The Private Office were asked to lock all doors overnight and the door to the roof was checked. The Head Messenger was asked to ensure arrangements were in hand to take the flags down on morning of 15th.

Personnel Services had an authorised officer, R Hamilton and another officer, J Sharpe, in the building from 8.00 am on 15 May. These officers went with the Office Keeper and a messenger to the roof at 8.20 am to ensure flags were removed and door locked.

At 8.35 am the Private Office became aware of a number of individuals in the corridor outside their offices and phoned Personnel Services. R Hamilton accompanied by J Sharpe approached this group. The Authorised Officer asked one of the group (subsequently identified as Assembly Member J McKee) who he was and what he wanted. Assembly Member McKee refused to say and he and the group moved away and went down the west staircase and west lift away from the third floor. They were carrying flags and may have intended entering the Private Office.

R Hamilton phoned RUC Station (Stormont) and advised Sergeant Elwood at 8.45 am of the situation. Sergeant Elwood said he expected the Chief Inspector around 9.00 am and would be in touch.

At 8.50 am Messrs Hamilton and Sharpe came upon Mr S Wilson (DUP Press Officer) on the 4th floor. He was asked who he was and what he wanted. He did not identify himself but he said he was up on a message. He left the 4th floor.

The situation was reported to Mr N Glover, contact was made with Mr N Hamilton and it was agreed that attempts would be made to divert the Minister away from Parliament Buildings.

R Hamilton spoke to Mr T Watson, DFP, Private Office, and ascertained that their Minister was expected. Mr Watson was advised of the situation and it was suggested they lock their doors. R Hamilton phoned Mr M Slack, DFP (Rosepark) advised him of situation and suggested they consider diverting their Minister.

A meeting was arranged with Inspector O'Neill and Sergeant Elwood. During the course of the meeting at approximately 9.25 am a call was received from the telephonist indicating that her room had been occupied by Assembly Members.

Messrs Glover and Hamilton with the 2 Police Officers went immediately to the telephonists room discovered the door locked and Assembly MemberS McCrea plus one other standing outside. Assembly Member S McCrea indicated that the switchboard room had been occupied as a protest against the Anglo-Irish Agreement. Mr Glover produced his authorisation card and requested Assembly Member S McCrea to leave. Assembly Member S McCrea indicated that he was aware of the Public Order procedure and he was not going to leavebut would have to be carried out by the Police. Mr Glover then directed the Police to

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remove Assembly Member S McCrea. The Police stated that they would have to take further instructions from their senior officers. Inspector O'Neill left to seek instructions and Sergeant Elwood moved to the east entrance of the basement.

The Assembly Member tried to engage Mr Glover in conversation stating that he (Mr Glover) was in for a long day. Assembly Member S McCrea exchanged some words through the locked door with his colleagues and left.

Inspector O'Neill and Sergeant Elwood returned to say that a senior officer was on his way. Mr Glover knocked the door to the telephonist room advised those inside that he was an authorised officer under the Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 and asked them to leave the telephonists room. There was no response.

Mr R Hamilton went to seek a key to the telephonists room and obtained one from the M & E Engineers. No attempt was made in the absence of the RUC to open the door. It was clear from sounds inside the room that the door was being barricaded.

Chief Inspector Stoneman arrived before 10.00 am and advised Mr Glover that half a section of DMSU should arrive at the building shortly after 10.00 am. The Police were asked not to allow any camera men access.

The banking service was to operate from the basement as usual for weekly paid staff. Arrangements including PA announcement (10.30 am) were made to use a room on the third floor for the banking service.

As it was clear the switchboard was being used by those in the room a possibility of re-routing the calls was investigated but this proved impossible.

The Police suggested that the switchboard be cut off completely but the instructions from The Secretary was that this should not be done.

A call was received by the Private Office from the Secretary of State's office to the effect that Assembly Members were to be ejected if necessary by the Police using whatever means necessary (10.50 am).

This instruction was passed immediately to the Police but they indicated that they had not sufficient men to comply. They also indicated that they did not wish to take any action until SDLP delegation were in with the Minister.

The DMSU (17 officers) arrived at approximately 11.00 am. Mr Glover spoke to Superintendent McFarland who had arrived and indicated that he (Mr Glover) was prepared again to request Assembly Members to leave and asked were the Police able to follow this up.

Superintendent McFarland stated that more men were expected as the rule was to have 2 men per demonstrator.

A further squad of Police Officers arrived at 11.16 am. Deputy Divisional Commander Bleakney attempted to speak to the Assembly Members at 11.20 am but they would not acknowledge.

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Assembly Member S McCrea arrived and asked if he could speak to the people in the room. DDC Bleakney agreed. Assembly Member S McCrea simply asked those in the room what they wanted for lunch. Assembly Member S McCrea then complied with a request from Mr Glover to leave. There were no other 'spectators' in the area.

Mr Glover was again prepared to use the authorisation but DDC Bleakney asked that we await ACC Steenson who arrived at 11.37 am.

It was agreed that Mr Glover attempt to use his authorisation which he did on 3 occasions, loudly and distinctly, advising that as an authorised officer he was requesting them to leave that part of the building. On each occasion he followed up his request by stating that as an authorised officer he could direct the Police to escort them from that part of the building.

At the request of the Police he made the same request indicating that it was a final warning.

DDC Bleakney then spoke to the Assembly Members and asked them to leave. There was no response.

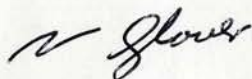
It was then agreed that the door be forced open. This was achieved by the Police using a sledge hammer at 11.51 am.

Mr Glover then entered the switchboard room and requested the occupants to leave which they did at 11.52 am and the Assembly Members returned to their area. The occupants of the room were as follows:-

Assembly Members Peter Robinson, Jim Wells, Rev Ivan Foster,
Rev William McCrea, Rev Beattie, J McKee, A Kane, G Campbell, J Allister,
D Vitty, C Cousley and S Gibson, *D. Calvet, G. Davis*

The telephonists were asked to resume their duties and not to make any comment to any caller.

The Secretary was informed.



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(This report was compiled by Messrs N Glover, R Hamilton and J Sharpe)

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