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DFA AND UNIONISM

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1. Your 28 April minute to Mr Maccabe refers.
2. Bob Macartney QC is one name which occurs to me - highly intelligent and able, politically active in the past, and very forthright - the only risk is that the red mist might come down! His unionism would be of the integrationist variety.
3. Glen Barr might also be considered, to provide a different political and geographical perspective and to expose the DFA to the idea that a six county NI within the UK and a united Ireland may not be an exhaustive listing of the future possibilities as seen from some loyalist standpoints.

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4. Building on the 29 April Census presentation to the Irish, some Catholic "unionists" could usefully be brought into play. Mr Maccabe might advise you on whether Seamus Close, Sean Neeson or someone else might accept the description and fulfil that role.

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1. There was a discussion yesterday chaired by PUS on how in particular DFA officials might be exposed to a range of Unionist opinion, since there was some concern that the DFA showed worrying signs of failing to understand its essence. You and I were tasked with drawing up a list of perhaps 20 unionists who might be willing to meet DFA officials, probably at Maryfield but possibly here, for informal discussions whose essential purpose would be educative for the DFA. Given that part of the objective will be to seek to ensure accurately based briefing for further talks, we should aim to move ahead fairly quickly on this.

2. Perhaps I could suggest 3 broad categories of unionists, as follows:-

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- (i) unionists who are active in party politics;
 - (ii) unionists who are not active in party politics but who are known to hold unionist views. This could include formerly active politicians; and
 - (iii) those such as community leaders who may represent that strand of perhaps particularly working-class unionism. These may not be politically engaged but would reflect the genuine article on the Newtownards Road, as it were. It strikes me that, particularly in relation to this group, we might usefully also seek to weave in the theme of Protestant alienation.
3. Perhaps the best way forward would be if you and colleagues could offer me names by close of play on Tuesday, 4 May. After that you and I might meet to draw up a final list appropriately categorised. We would also need to discuss further steps such as how to approach potential participants and how to broach the idea, doubtless suitably camouflaged, with the Irish.

(Signed DJW)

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