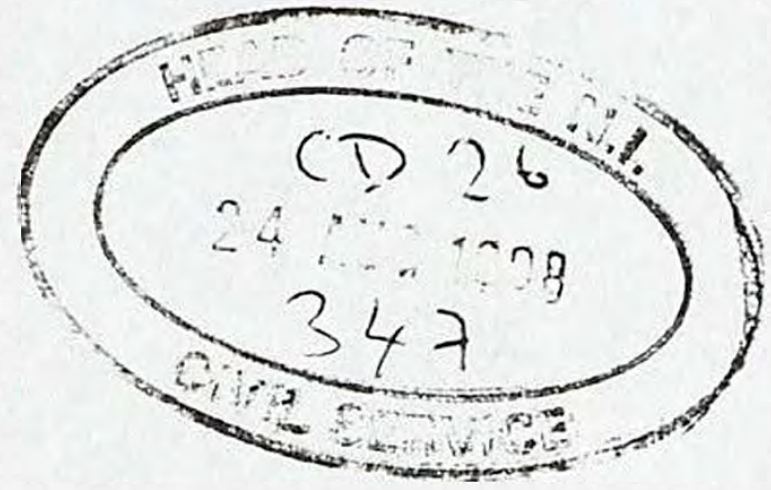


THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
David Trimble, First Minister

FROM: D TRIMBLE
FIRST MINISTER
21 August 1998



TO: JOHN SEMPLE

Thank you for your memo of 19 August on special advisers. I note the reference in the penultimate paragraph to "potential Chief of Staff duties". I, of course, am not familiar with the definition of these matters in civil service terms, but put simply I intend David Campbell to be my Jonathon Powell and David Kerr to be my Alistair Campbell and I need them to have the requisite authority.

David Trimble

DAVID TRIMBLE

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You can proceed
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FROM: PS/SECRETARY OF STATE (B)
21 August 1998

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- cc PS/Secretary of State (B&L) - O
- PS/Mr Murphy (DFP,B&L) - O
- PS/PUS (B&L) - O
- Mr Jeffrey - O
- Mr Carvill
- Mr McCusker - O
- Mr Hunter
- Mr Kelly - O
- Mr Woods - O



PS/Mr Semple - O

SPECIAL ADVISERS FOR FIRST AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTERS

The Secretary of State has seen your submission of 19 August concerning the complement of Special Advisers for the First and Deputy First Ministers and is content to agree that during the shadow period, the complement of Special Advisers for each of the First and Deputy First Ministers should be restricted to three. On the question of press support for Mr Mallon, the Secretary of State has asked whether it would be possible to find from the Information Services someone with whom Mr Mallon could work well.

SIGNED

JOHN McKERVILL
Private Secretary (B)

*Mr Semple.
We should keep the
Cabinet Office in touch
with this. The PM has a
special interest in Scotland
and Wales. Have yet to
place their orders.
7/23/98*

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