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FUTURE OF THE ASSEMBLY

Although no final decision has yet been taken, it is likely that the Assembly will be dissolved in the near future and certainly before the Summer recess. The decision has been widely trailed; but it is possible that when it is officially announced - or when the dissolution comes into effect - there may be some protest action from Unionist members of the Assembly. This could take the form of a refusal to recognise the decision and an attempt to go on using the Assembly premises as a platform to criticise HMG and the Anglo-Irish Agreement. In that case, I assume that we should request those concerned to leave the building; and, if they refuse, we should look to the RUC to remove them by force if necessary.

2. I should be grateful if you would discuss this possibility with the RUC on a contingency basis. If such an operation had to be carried out we should want it to be done as quickly and cleanly as possible, especially if it had to be performed in front of television cameras. We could not afford the sort of delay which I understand occurred when the Telephone Exchange was taken over on 15 May and the RUC had to refer up the line for authority to take action.

3. In this connection we need to clear up the confusion which arose on 15 May over whether contact with the RUC should be through LOB or DOE. I am not sure whether you have been able to sort this out with the NI Departments; but if it would be helpful for me to hold a meeting, please let me know.

30 May 1986

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