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I enclose an extract from an interview done by RTE with the Bishop of Connor, Dr. Butler in relation to his meeting with the Kevin Street people. In particular could I draw your attention to the first response of Dr. Butler, where he gives a picture of the Provisionals that is hardly helpful to our position. I wonder if the British have used Butler and the Clerk of the Presbyterian Assembly for the purpose of initiating discussions on withdrawal?

I enclose copies of the interview in case you wish to consult with other Ministers on the matter.

M. MacConghail

12 December, 1974