CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL PUS/B/7777/MLR Mr Coulson cc PS/PUS(L) PS/Mr Hlbomfield Mr Brennan Mr A W Stephens Mr Ferneyhough Mr Innes Miss Pease Mr Blackwell Mr Forsythe Mr McClelland IC : WARNINGS TO STAFF Friday 13 December in Belfast to express his concern and sympathy at the incidents in which they were involved on Wednesday, 11 December when their cars were stopped and attacked at Carson's Statue by protestors. PUS understand that some warnings had been issued to staff about the possibility of protests. He would be grateful, however, if you would consider whether more comprehensive warnings and advice on precautions to be taken for future meetings of the IC, should be issued generally to staff using Stormont Castle and House. PUS would also be grateful for your advice on compensation, particularly for whose car was dented in several places. He understands that such damage is covered by the statutory criminal damage compensation shceme, but that claimants have to bear the

first £100 of any claim. In this case, PUS whinks that the officials concerned should not be expected to bear any element of the cost and he would be grateful for your advice as to whether

an ex-gratia payment to make up the difference would be appropriate.

Tonathan Etyp 18 JONATHAN STEPHENS

16 December 1985

PS/PUS