From: D A Lavery Principal Private Secretary

Date: 26 February 2001

To: First Minister

cc: PS/Deputy First Minister PS/Mr Loughran Mr McCusker Mr Mackenzie Mr McKervill Mr May Mr Ross Mr Campbell Dr Gudgin Mr Kerr Ms Croot

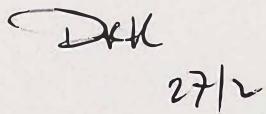
NSMC PLENARY

- 1. This is to confirm that the NSMC plenary meeting scheduled to take place in Armagh on Friday is likely to be postponed.
- 2. I spoke to Dermot Gallagher (Secretary to the Department of the Taoiseach) this afternoon. He indicated that it was likely the NSMC plenary would be postponed on account of the ongoing political discussions. I said it would be helpful if the NSMC Secretariat could agree a Line to Take on this.

[Signed] DALAVERY

OFFICIAL LINR to TAKE RE: RYTANNAL ANDWRIKS

- () REFER TO JOAN MCKERVILE
- (2) ARRAWGEMENTS FOR A NSMC REMARY HAVE NOT YET BEEN FINALISED
- (3) AT THIS STACK A TAKTING WOND SIMM MUKRLY.



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DICK MacKENZIE

NSMC

I understand that you have spoken to Tony McCusker about the outcome of today's discussion between the First Minister and Deputy First Minister. As a

meeting of the NSMC cannot go ahead without nominations, I have agreed with Tony that in any response to questions about the plenary we will say that "arrangements for the plenary meeting of the NSMC have not been finalised" and no more.

(Signed)

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