

From: D A Lavery
Principal Private Secretary

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

Date: 26 February 2001

To: First Minister

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]
D A LAVERY

OFFICIAL LINE TO TAKE RE: RETORNAI ENDOWMENTS

- (1) REFER TO JOHN MCKERVILL
- (2) ARRANGEMENTS FOR A NSMC PLENARY HAVE NOT YET BEEN FINALISED
- (3) AT THIS STAGE A STARTING WORD SEEM UNLIKELY.

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FROM: JOHN MCKERVILL
EXECUTIVE INFORMATION SERVICE
26 FEBRUARY 2001

cc PS/Mr Loughran
Mr McCusker
Mrs Flanagan
Mr Lavery
Mr May
Mr McAleer
Mr Ross
Mr Larmour
Mr Pringle

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)

John McKervill
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