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I was glad to hear that you had told Oliver Wright that you would be grateful for help with the name of a successor to Peacock at the head of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. I have taken a close interest in this question and would like to let you have a name immediately. It is Sir Arthur Young, at present Commissioner of Police for the City of London. Oliver Wright will give you full details of his background which you will see makes him eminently suitable. I have complete confidence in Arthur Young as the man for this job.

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In view of your request for help, I have taken the liberty of indicating to Arthur Young that he might be asked to take on the appointment. He showed some reluctance because he naturally regards his present post in the City as one of the highest in the police service and the crown of his career. But because he is a good policeman, he will be ready to respond when he is approached and to take over in Belfast immediately as soon as he is needed.

I am sure that it is essential that publication of Lord Hunt's Report should be accompanied by the announcement of decisions on the recommendations. I hope to discuss this with you at our first meeting on my visit next week, with a view to an immediate announcement and the new leadership taking over forthwith.

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Major the Rt. Hon. James Chichester-Clark, M.P.

We looked round to see if there was a Scot who was suitable for the post but, frankly, Arthur Young is the best man for it, and there is no Scotsman who would really match up to the job.

It is important that Arthur Young should be backed up by able and energetic deputies. As he is only a few years off retirement, his deputies will naturally be regarded as potential successors. I should myself see advantages in having a Protestant as one deputy and a Catholic as the other. I gather from those who have seen him that County Inspector Baillie would be very suitable; he has impressed those who are able to judge and they give him a high commendation. For the other, I have in mind a Great Britain Officer, and would propose Assistant Chief Constable Clissitt of Leeds. He has not yet been approached. Oliver Wright will be in touch with you about this appointment too.

I hope this will help. Arthur Young could be in Belfast to take over next Friday week by breaking his holiday. He is ready to move at a moment's notice. How lucky we are to have so many people with such a sense of duty. He is a tremendous leader of men. I do hope you can agree because I am sure we can get no one better.

(sgd) JAMES CALLAGHAN