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N.D.I. PROJECT WITH SDLP

1. THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE ORGANISED A BRIEFING SESSION ON CAPITAL HILL TO INFORM THE MAIN MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS OF IRELAND OF THEIR PROPOSED PROJECT WITH THE SDLP. THE NNMD.I. WAS REPRESENTED BY BRIAN ATWOOD, DIRECTOR, AND LES FRANCIS, PETER FENN AND PAUL QUINN WHO CARRIED OUT AN ON THE GROUND SURVEY IN N.I. FOR THE N.D..I. A COPY OF THEIR REPORT IS BEING FAXED TO YOU SEPARATELY. ALSO PRESENT WERE KIRK O'DONNELL, KEVIN PETERSON, TOM MELIA (MOYNIHAN'S AIDE), NANCY SODERBERG (KENNEDY AIDE), MARSHALL LYNAM (JIM WRIGHT'S TOP AIDE) AND UNDERSIGNED.

2. THE N.D.I. REPRESENTATIVES GAVE A BRIEFING ALONG THE LINES OF THE DOCUMENT REFERRED TO ABOVE AND IDENTIFIED THREE AREAS IN WHICH THE SDLP NEEDED HELP AND TRAINING:

- A) DELIVERY OF THEIR MESSAGE OR POLICY THROUGH USE OF RADIO/ TV AND THE PRINT MEDIA,
- B) FINANCE (THEY ARE OPERATING ON A SHOESTRING BUDGET OF 35/40,000 POUNDS A YEAR) AND,
- C) ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE (NEED TO ENCOURAGE AND TRAIN A NEW AND YOUNGER LEADERSHIP SOME OF WHOM ARE ALREADY EMERGING).

3. THE FIRST STAGE IN THE N.D. I. PROGRAMME TO HELP THE SDLP INVOLVES BRINGING HUME AND MALLON TOGETHER WITH 10 ACTIVISTS TO THE U.S. FOR A TRAINING PROGRAMME WHICH IS OUTLINED IN A DOCUMENT BEING FAXED TO YOU. A DISPUTE HAD ARISEN BETWEEN HUME AND MALLON OVER THE COMPOSITION OF THIS GROUP WITH MALLON SEEKING TO INCLUDE SOME OLDER STALWARTS FROM HIS AREA INSTEAD OF THE YOUNGER PEOPLE FAVOURED BY THE N.D..I. THIS IS LIKELY TO BE RESOLVED BY MALLON BEING ALLOWED TO BRING TWO OF HIS S

"OLDER" SUPPORTERS FROM THE ARMAGH AREA.

4. THE SECOND AND THIRD STAGES OF THE N.D.I. APPROACH ARE AS FOLLO

- A) ESTABLISHMENT OF AN SDLP COUNTERPART INSTITUTE THROUGH WHICH ASSISTANCE WOULD BE CHANNELLED,
- B) ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING THREE ADVICE CENTRES IN THE CONSTITUENCIES WITH THE BEST CHANCE OF AN SDLP WIN IN THE E NEXT WESTMINSTER ELECTION. THIS ASSISTANCE IS LIKELY TO BE IN THE FORM OF EQUIPMENT RATHER THAN CASH AND WILL BE CHANNELLED THROUGH THE COUNTERPART SDLP "INSTITUTE" WHICH IS TO BE FORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE COMMITTEE FOR A NEW IRELAND ARE, I UNDERSTAND, WORKING WITH LABOUR LEADERS HERE WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE ADVICE CENTRESM

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I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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