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26th February, 1969.

I am now in a position to complete the membership of the Commission of Inquiry over which you have kindly agreed to preside. What I propose is the appointment of two additional members, one Protestant and one Roman Catholic. They are -

- (1) Sir John Biggart, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Queen's University, who is a Protestant.
- (2) Mr. J.J. Campbell, at present a Lecturer at St. Joseph's College of Education and, from 1st April, 1969, Director of the Institute of Education to be established at Queen's University. He is a Roman Catholic.

Notes on their careers are attached.

Both are Ulstermen who have lived most of their lives in Northern Ireland and are therefore capable of bringing local knowledge to bear on the interpretation of events; neither is actively identified with any political party.

Both of the proposed members are exceedingly busy men but I have reason to believe, from soundings which have been taken, that they would be able and willing to serve on the Commission if appointed. Naturally, I would not wish to take the matter any further without knowing that you approve of the people to sit with you on the Commission and I therefore await your views before taking any formal step.

I would wish, if all goes well, to announce the composition of the Commission in a speech I ^{shall} be making in our House

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of Commons on Tuesday, 4th March, when the new Parliament opens and I accordingly would much appreciate an early reply.

Perhaps I ought to add that Mr. J.J. Campbell's name was included in a short list of persons suggested to me by Mr. E. McAteer, the former Leader of the Nationalist Parliamentary Party, now alas a casualty of the General Election; Mr. Campbell can therefore, I think, be taken as acceptable to Nationalist opinion.

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