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Sent to all Party Leaders in Convention.

Copies for information sent to The Secretary of State, and
The Chairman of the Convention.

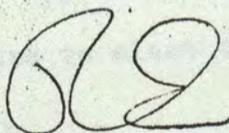
Sir Robert Lowry,
Chairman of the Convention,

UNITED ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY POLICY COMMITTEE

I enclose for your perusal a statement issued by the UUUC
Policy Committee on the 16th January 1976 and look forward
to hearing your comments upon the matters contained therein.

I am,

Yours sincerely,



REG. EMPEY
Secretary of the UUUC Policy Committee

Please reply to Reg. Empey, 38 Shandon Park, Belfast 5.

THE NORTHERN IRELAND CONVENTION

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE UNITED ULSTER UNIONIST COUNCIL POLICY COMMITTEE
on 16th JANUARY 1976 at 12 NOON.

The Westminster Government and Parliament welcomed large sections of the Northern Ireland Convention Report. They were unable to accept it all - reasonable and realistic as it is - because the minority Parties failed to show any support and voted against it.

The onus is on them to show the more widespread acceptance for which Westminster apparently looks.

The basic position of the U.U.U.C. as mandated by the Ulster people is to maintain the Union. Along with other parties we believe that a devolved parliament and government would serve Ulster best. But we do not think the Union will be maintained by giving a place as of right to those who would break the Union.

Furthermore we do not believe that any party has a right of itself to be in any Government in Northern Ireland. The basic structures in the Report provide an opportunity for Northern Ireland to have not only a devolved parliament but also to elect the party or parties to Government which they desire.

The Convention Report provides the necessary safeguards for all law abiding people. The U.U.U.C. are prepared to abide by the decisions of the people. Are the other parties prepared to do so?

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