

Mr. Campbell.

Mr Derry C.C. appointed
a replacement CRO.?

ASST./
SEC 4116
-2 JUN 1993
C.C.R.U.

FROM T MCCUSKER I would like to
AS - MBW cc Mr Watkins - B
see the papers Mr Maccabe - B
relating to the Ms Steele - B
DATE 2 JUNE 1993 appointment of a second
TO MR S QUINN CRO to Omagh.

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[Handwritten notes: "I am writing on this" and "Mr Maccabe on this"]

DERRY CITY COUNCIL

1. I was speaking to Mark Durkan at a dinner in Stormont House last night and he voiced his concern about the position of Protestants on the West bank of the Foyle following the local government elections; there are now no Unionist representatives in the Council from the West bank.
2. He was concerned that Protestants on the West bank would feel even more isolated and marginalised because of the lack of representation and he had been turning over in his mind some possibilities. One suggestion was that the Council's community relations programme could be a means by which Protestants retained their confidence in the city. The possibility of an informal community relations advisory mechanism with Protestant representation from the West bank might be one way forward as would the appointment of an additional CRO whose role would be to work with the main Protestant groups, though that would not be expressed in terms of any job description. A similar situation arose in Omagh where we agreed a second CRO with the then Minister, Dr Mawhinney, to concentrate on Protestant groups.
3. One other suggestion was that the government should now try to find a suitable public appointment for David Davis to ensure that he remains in public life.
4. Perhaps the easiest way forward might be for CCRU, together with PAB, to meet Mark Durkan to explore the issues in more

Would this have the desired effects?

incl. Derry C.C.?

detail to try and plan the way ahead. I appreciate that there might be budgetary constraints, but I think there are important political issues involved in the situation in Derry and the community relations programme might be helpful in preventing any further shift of Protestants from West of the Foyle.

5. Happy to discuss.

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Mr. G. ...
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Ms. ...

CC/Secretary of State (1981) - B

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There has been much reporting over recent months of a growing alienation in Protestant communities. These reports have come from a number of sources: directly from politicians such as Dr Alderdice, indirectly from RAB, the press, community leaders, etc; and one could reasonably suppose a linkage between a growth in alienation and increasing loyalist paramilitary violence.

In an attempt to clarify whether such reports are accurate and, if so, to diagnose alienation in the Protestant community, Central Secretariat brought together a working party...

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