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DISCUSSION WITH DUP ASSEMBLYMAN - 15.6.86

The main reason given by this contact for getting in touch was to find out from me, what the timing is for the dissolution of the Assembly. He seemed surprised that HMG was going ahead with the dissolution and when I asked him why, he told me that he had understood from the leadership that HMG would back away from this course of action. I told him I had no idea of timing other than the date for the debate in Parliament.

2. There will be a full meeting of the DUP Assembly party on Tuesday to decide on tactics for the next couple of weeks. High on the agenda is a possible sit-in at Parliament Buildings and he also expects a stepping up of activity in the community. He would not expand on this aspect but did at one point mention Ulster Clubs and such like bodies.

Comment

3. There is no doubt that people such as this Assemblyman are surprised that HMG has in fact taken the step to dissolve the Assembly. However, while I detect a certain amount of bluster, I am sure that he and others will attempt to mark the event in what he described as 'a memorable manner'.

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