

1. Mr. Bell
2. Mr. Chesterton

So far no good FBI but
 believe wd. be usefully
 eliminate all
 'Brits'; see my
 marginalia
 2. The next step, subject
 RWB 20/10 to

Mr Elliott
 Mr Innes
 Mr Simpson, NI Ct Service
 Mr Spence
 Mr Steele
 Mr Blackwell
 Mr Daniell
 Mr Hewitt
 Mr Kirk
 Mr J McConnell
 Mr Bentley - HO
 Mr Wright - HO
 Mr George

M. Hummle
 NH 232/10

26/10/87
 1. MR Casan
 27/10
 2. MR McCusker

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 26/10

US EXTRADITION CASE: DOHERTY: WITNESSES

I was very grateful to those copy recipients who responded so helpfully to my minute of 10 August asking for potential high-powered and credible witnesses whom we might identify in advance of the US court hearings in this case. I now attach a paper which summarises those suggestions we have received.

2. We have still yet to launch our formal extradition request, because the US Attorney General's decision on the deportation proceeding has still to be reached. So ^{we} remain in limbo; this state of affairs is likely to last some time. It is therefore much too soon to start approaching anyone on the attached list. For the present, I suggest that we retain the attachment as the starting point for substantive consideration once our request has been launched and a visit by the assistant US Attorney in charge on the case is being firmed up. In particular, we should certainly confirm with the Americans at that stage whether they really do want to cast their net as wide as they appear to, and then draw up a possible "first team".

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DOHERTY - POTENTIAL WITNESSES

A. An Academic

1. Professors Colin Campbell and Desmond Greer, both of QUB and formerly of SACHR. Both are independent and authoritative. Campbell has a better manner but Greer's knowledge of the criminal justice system is likely to be greater given that this falls within his academic discipline.
2. Professor Boyle - Prof of Law at University Galway (or Cork?). Formerly at QUB. Counsel against the UK in the Irish State Case. Has produced several books on the emergency legislation. He is unlikely to speak very favourably on Diplock courts etc. Has also produced some sensible work on devolution and Anglo-Irishy with Hadden (including a submission to the Forum and a Penguin special).
3. Brice Dickson (a QUB Lawyer) who has written good books on the emergency legislation and judicial system in NI.

4. Professor Desmond Rea of University of Ulster - Lecturer in Business and Management, Economic and Manpower Studies. Member of NI Consensus Group, a cross community group composed of professional and business people trying to promote a peaceful solution to NI problem. Rea is a member of the Methodist Church's Council for Social Welfare.

B. Political Scientist or Sociologist

1. Professor John Darby - Professor at University of Ulster. His involvement already in the community relations exercise may preclude him from being a witness. He has written such books as 'Intimidation and the Control of Conflict in NI'. Reckoned to be very sensible and is now on SACHR which would give a helpful human rights flavour.

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2. Paul Arthur of the University of Ulster. *Friend of J. Hume? Balanced, well informed.*
3. Professor Crick - Formerly Prof of Politics at Birkbeck College. Regular commentator on Irish Affairs - though nothing very scholarly. - *a bit unfair: see his Essay in The D. Rea college*
4. Peter McLauchlan - Former Chairman of Peace People 1978-80; currently General Secretary of the Belfast Voluntary Welfare Society. A likeable man with a varied career and a good administrator. He believes firmly in the development of community politics to replace the traditional sectarianisms in NI political life. There is no doubt about his ability but his judgement can give cause for concern.
5. Quinton Oliver (son of John Oliver former Perm Sec of DOE)
6. Dr Eric Gallaher - Former President of the Methodist Church in Ireland. Now retired. Spent his career as Superintendent of Belfast Central Mission; was awarded an honorary degree at QUB for services to community. A friend of Cahal Daly and someone with whom Methodism is readily identified in Northern Ireland. *a bit old now*
7. Professor J Thompson - Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland 1986. Professor Thompson is regarded as being on the ecumenical wing of the Church and has been a member of the Inter-church Relations Board since 1952. He also attended the Ballymascanlon talks in 1985 where he met Cardinal Thomas O'Fiaich. It is believed that his views on the Anglo-Irish Agreement are similar to those of his Church's Government Committee whose statement emphasised that loyalty to Christ was paramount in all things.
8. Professor R Rose. A well-known American writer, scholar and pundit an authority on Northern Ireland and constitutional politics. UK based. *Not a good talker*

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Far happier with the written word. Well not, I think, want to get involved

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C. An Authority on Security Policy1. Professor Greer2. Paul Buxton - ex NIO (B)3. Bob Killen - ex RUC4. Professor Tom Hadden - (

5. Peter Taylor. Journalist and broadcaster. Has written thoughtful and well balanced books on former (pre-Bennett) RUC interrogation procedures and stalker.

D. An Authority on Prisons1. Mr J.M. Steele - Head of NI Prison Service.

2. Brian Palmer - former Head of NI Prison Service.

3. Carol Jackson - Director of Prisons Regimes

4. Mrs Briege Gadd - Chief Probation Officer; she would be well placed to talk about job prospects for former paramilitary prisoners.

5. Rev JEG Bach - Chairman of the Maze Board of visitors. He is a lecturer in criminology and part time Chaplain at the University of Ulster. He is experienced in prison matters in GB and abroad as well as NI. He is also a broadcaster and journalist (weekly column in the Belfast Newsletter).

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E. Spokesman for Ordinary Citizen

1. John Cushnahan - (ex Alliance Party): General Secretary 1974-82; Assembly Member for N Down; Belfast City Councillor 1977-85 Party Leader 1984.

2. Sean Neeson - Alliance Party: A former schoolteacher. Neeson, a former Assembly Member,

3. Trade Unionists? *But T. Farlin involved in spectacular be a T.U.S. try to keep out of sectarian politics.*

4. Paddy Devlin - Independent Socialist (Formerly of SDLP); Belfast City Councillor. He is a fervent Socialist, representative of the urban Catholics of W Belfast. His politics concentrate on socio-economic issues. (Ex IRA, was interned from 1942-45) Currently in the US criticising the MacBride Principles.

F. Government Witness

Mr A Stephens?

Doesn't → Mr Innes?

have Mr Chesterton?

a English accent - a gt. advantage

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