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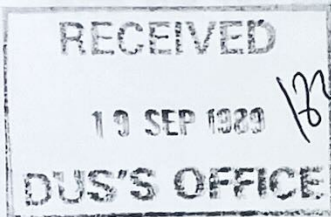
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Discussion with Fr Reid

2. Perhaps I am wrong, but this seems to me to have been something of a let down following your previous meeting: what, for example, has happened to the six questions? But of course you must keep in touch and I take it that the steering brief endorsed by the SofS is still sufficient for your purposes.

3. The only point that interested me was the reference in the first of your paragraph 5s to the absence of anything "of a political nature" in 1974-75. This is perhaps a point to be picked up in any speculative cease fire "package"

For what it is worth it has seemed to me for some time that however unpalatable, some form of recognition of Sinn Fein looks to be an inevitable part of any such package, provided they sound as if they mean business in forswearing violence.

signed

JOHN BLELLOCH

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