



was just an ordinary "United Ireland Party" without the firm policies of the SDLP. Father Reid disagreed with this saying that the political niche which had been carved out by Sinn Fein over the last period of time would be quite sufficient to carry them through if they were to simply be political. I told him it seemed to be that the choice of going political or remaining as they were was one which was entirely in the hands of that particular organisation

4. He at no time mentioned the meeting between Adams and Hume but during the conversation when I had said to him about Sinn Fein having no position in local politics he mentioned something about some people having a common cause which could carry them through. He said, at this stage, that I need no worry about him bandying my name around in outside circles because he had a reputation of being discreet and would never betray any confidences.

5. I spoke to Mr Burns about these conversations - he recommended that I record what has happened to date and he agreed that should Father Reid, when he calls me again, suggest a meeting that I bring him to Stormont House and meet him on my own territory with another member of PAB. I don't think that he is, or expects me to, act as an intermediary, but in the circumstances I would rather be sure than sorry.

(signed)

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