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cc PS/Secretary of State (B&L) -B
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Mr Leach (B&L) -B
Mr Bell (B&L) -B
Mr Stephens -B
Mr Beeton -B
Mr Lavery -B
Miss Harrison (B&L) -B
Mr McKervill -B
Mr Campbell-Bannerman -B
Mr Clayton, HOLAB -B
Mr Lamont, RID -B
HMA Dublin -B

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1) M cc Mrs Madden FSD
Mr Jones "

2) As to § 4, we have accredited delegations making lawful claims. No difficulty here. But it would be prudent to hold further payments pending the resolution of this internal dispute within Labour. JR 9/7

Mr Hill -B

TALKS: FRATERNAL FALLING-OUT

Thank you for yesterday's note instructing TAU to stay neutral and advising that all the Labour representatives are entitled to be present and to use their delegation suite. I am also grateful to John McKervill and Alan McVeigh for making themselves available yesterday morning to support Mr Lennox.

2. I have now received formal notification from Mark Langhammer that he will be taking the place of Malachi Curran in the existing talks team and that Dr Pat Muldowney will be Labour's Office Manager with effect from Monday, 8 July.

3. Mr Langhammer has asked TAU to pay allowances etc only into the account of the Labour Co-Ordinating Committee and he also advises that Dr Muldowney has been authorised by him to make all claims for party and personal allowances, research grants and expenses. Finally he states that no one other than himself and Muldowney is authorised to do so.

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5. Having paid these claims in good faith are we now vulnerable to criticism or indeed a counter claim? Are you and copy recipients content that I take no further action at this time on paying any subsequent claim that may be received for either group until the situation becomes a little clearer?

6. I will continue to attempt to hold the line that Labour's representation is a matter for them to resolve. I understand a meeting of Labour's Steering Committee is planned for this evening in an effort to resolve matters.

Signed.

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