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Dear Mark,

LABOUR DELEGATION AT THE ALL-PARTY SUBSTANTIVE TALKS

I have just heard to-day from Hugh Casey that he has received a letter from you in which you indicate that you have written to the Secretary of State informing him that you have removed me as Head of the Labour Delegation to the All-Party Substantive Talks. Both Hugh and I are at a loss to understand your action as we are unaware of any legitimate reason why I should be replaced. I am writing to ask you under what authority do you claim to have been acting when you took this action.

You have taken this action without any discussion with or reference to either Hugh or myself or to the Labour Coalition Steering Committee or to the Labour candidates throughout Northern Ireland who fought and obtained the Labour mandate in the elections on 30th May conducted under the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc Act) 1966. I should also like to know when and by whose authority you claim to have been elected or endorsed by the Labour Coalition as its Party Leader. I am unaware that you serve in any such capacity.

Yours sincerely,

Malachi Curran
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