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From: Angus Lapsley
Sent: 16 October 1997 09:28
To: Rob Read
Subject: FW: Party funding and Northern Ireland

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From: Jonathan Powell
Sent: 15 October 1997 19:21
To: Pat McFadden
Cc: John Holmes; Angus Lapsley
Subject: RE: Party funding and Northern Ireland

I spoke to Sue. They should continue their contacts with Mo and - if they want - we will introduce them to Jack. The legislation will cover them unless we make an exception and it is hard to see how we can do that. But we are sympathetic. Jonathan

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From: Pat McFadden
Sent: 15 October 1997 17:48
To: Jonathan Powell
Cc: John Holmes; Angus Lapsley
Subject: Party funding and Northern Ireland

Sue Jackson called me to tell me she has had a call from the SDLP who are concerned about our plans for restrictions on foreign donations to political parties. I understand there may be an announcement tomorrow. Obviously it would be good to stop the flow of American money to Sinn Fein but the SDLP are concerned that this will also mean they cannot raise money either in the States or in the Irish Republic. Is this our intention? Should someone from in here give them a call to explain what is happening?