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UDA: POSSIBLE BREACH OF THE MITCHELL PRINCIPLES

PJP? When Mark Durkan called on Michael Ancram as part of a SDLP delegation this evening, he mentioned that one David Nichol of the UDA had been reported as admitting on Radio Foyle that recent UDA "warnings" to unnamed individuals were a "technical breach of their ceasefire"; but, he had also suggested, somehow not an infraction of the Mitchell Principles. This report had been picked up by the Derry Journal. Mr Durkan speculated, not unreasonably, that parties particularly opposed to the participation of loyalists might on the basis of this statement once again seek their eviction next week.

2. We were otherwise unaware of these reports, and I, at least, also unaware of the "warnings". Would it be possible for Press Office to get us within the next day or two, an account of what was said on Radio Foyle; and could SPOB please fill us in on the "warnings"? On the basis of this, we can provide some background to the Chairmen, who in the first instance will have to handle any complaints.

Signed

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