

14 May 1991

After long deliberations in the morning SOS has meetings with PL's, individually, to give context to document he will present. Then document is delivered (10 copies) along with written offer of clarification, from Dr BM. We considered it, and front three had a meeting to clarify. Good meeting but we put critical points, which they clearly haven't even thought of, (eg identity of chairman, what strand does the final meeting fall under since this has indications for practical arrangements, etc.).

7.45pm SC phones to say that SOS may be back at Stormont to see unionists. By 9pm Downtown News it is confirmed. I am in Carrick at bye-election. Ring J Chilcott, he is 'reassuring', I express grave concern about handling. Speak to SC on return home. Decide to ring Dr BM/SOS. Ring and speak to Dr B (11.30pm)

Tell him:

1. If Unionists request for meeting with Major is granted there will be horrendous consequences.
2. The process will be undermined.
3. The SOS will be undermined.
4. I no longer trust the unionists bona fides.

I asked for the meeting to be refused, for the PM to say that he backs SOS and they should give answer to him by 10am. He takes this in writing and will pass it on.