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Mr Maccabe [1]

By some miracle of technology I received a copy of Mr Daniell's minute of today's date, enclosing a draft for the Secretary of State's office, although I was not on the circulation list. */attached*

2. One thought occurred to me as I was reading through the draft; why has the body of Nationalist opinion in Northern Ireland remained basically quiescent following the publication of the Declaration? Of course John Hume and the Cardinal have been very supportive, as have one or two other prominent Nationalist figures. But from my distant seat in London I have not detected a massive groundswell in the Nationalist community prepared to come out and say that the Declaration offers as much as they can reasonably expect to get and that they are happy to settle for it. Is this apparent silence because they do not think the Declaration goes far enough or because they are used to leaving the talking to the Irish Government, Mr Hume and the Cardinal?

3. This thought arose in my mind because it seems to me that one of the most potent pressures that can be brought to bear on Sinn Fein at present is clearly from within the Nationalist community itself. There is a limit to the amount of strain that can be taken

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by the two Governments. Is the issue of "mobilising Nationalist opinion" something which the Prime Minister should raise with Mr Hume when they meet? One thinks of how effective the Unionist politicians can be when it comes to mobilising grass roots support across the Province; I am not sure the same machinery exists on the Nationalist side.

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Attached is the draft which we are required to put to Secretary of State's office by 5 pm today. Grateful for any comments - by 3.30 if possible, given the VUR meeting with PUS. I would particularly welcome views from Messrs Maccabe and Richard on the assessment of the various parties' position and that of the Provisionals.

2. You will see that I have inserted a potentially contentious paragraph on 'clarification' - any thoughts, especially in the light of Adams' most recent statement.

(signed)

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