

ATTENTION: DAVID FORDE

HEREWITH THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE TODAY TONIGHT PROGRAMME IN WHICH
RHONDA PAISLEY TALKS ABOUT DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT.
DON'T HESITATE TO ASK IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE YOU FEEL THAT WE
CAN DO TO ASSIST.

KIND REGARDS,

ANNE HOLLIDAY

O'BRIEN WELL, LETS TAKE IT TO THE TALKS,
RHONDA PAISLEY, WHATS YOUR VIEW,
THESE TALKS HAVE NOT STARTED,
THEY ARE JUST GETTING INTO
STARTING, THEY WILL START TO TALK
ABOUT A DEVOLVED ADMINISTRATION
FOR NORTHERN IRELAND -

PAISLEY I DO CERTAINLY SUPPORT THE AIM OF
THE TALKS. I AM ON THE DUP TALKS
TEAM AND I WILL BE KEEPING
CONFIDENCE IN THE PROGRAMME AND
THERE WILL BE OTHER PROGRAMMES
ABOUT THE STAGE THE TALKS ARE AT
BECAUSE I THINK THAT IT IS VERY
IMPOERTANT AND I THINK THAT IT IS
RICH FOR MR. LONG.....

O'BRIEN DO YOU WANT TO SEE A GOVERNMENT
BACK IN NORTHERN IRELAND, AN
EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT IN NORTHERN
IRELAND?

PAISLEY I BELIEVE IN A DEVOLVED
GOVERNMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.
I BELIEVE THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO
THE FUTURE OF NORTHERN IRELAND
AND I BELIEVE THAT IF THE TALKS

SUCCEED WE WILL HAVE A SOLUTION THAT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE AND WORKABLE TO THE NATIONALIST PEOPLE AS WELL AS TO THE UNIONIST PEOPLE AND YOU HAVE GOT TO REMEMBER THAT WHENEVER EVERYTHING IS METED OUT AT THE END OF THE TALKS AND YOU'VE GOT TO REMEMBER THAT THE DUP IS NOT THAT MUCH BIGGER THAN THE SDLP SO WHAT WE DECIDE IN THESE TALKS AND ITS GOING TO HAVE AS BIG A BEARING ON US AS IT IS ON ANOTHER MINORITY PARTY. IF YOU REMEMBER THAT IT IS NOT A GREAT LUMP OF UNIONISTS AGAINST A GREAT LUMP OF NATIONALISTS. DIVISIONS ARE NOT THAT CLEAN CUT IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE SECOND POINT MUST BE MADE IS THAT WHILE IRA SINN FEIN ARE PERMITTED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN OUR COUNCIL CHAMBER.....

O'BRIEN

BUT AS FAR AS THE TALKS ARE CONCERNED, YOU WANT TO SEE A GOVERNMENT IN BELFAST.....

COBANE, PROCTOR, & MULDOON ETC.

PAISLEY EXCUSE ME, I THINK THAT IT IS
 VERY UNFAIR TO EQUATE PEOPLE WHO
 ARE SUPPORTER OF DEVOLVED
 GOVERNMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND
 WITH POWER SHARING. IT IS NOT AN
 EQUATION THAT IS NECESSARILY TRUE
 AND....

O'BRIEN AND WHAT ABOUT YOU, DO YOU EQUATE
 THEM?

PAISLEY I BELIEVE IN A DEVOLVED
 GOVERNMENT. PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT
 ACCORDING TO WHAT THE BALLOT BOX
 SAYS TO HAVE POWER IN PROPORTION
 TO WHAT THE BALLOT BOX SAYS AND I
 BELIEVE THAT DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT
 IS THE WAY TO BRING THAT ABOUT IN
 NORTHERN IRELAND AND THAT IS NOT
 POWER SHARING.

MULDOON YOU MEAN MAJORITY RULE BY THE
 UNIONISTS

PAISLEY I DO NOT. IF YOU LISTENED TO WHAT
 I SAID BUT YOU DON'T LISTEN TO ME

{INTERRUPTIONS}

MULDOON I'M LISTENING

PAISLEY ...THERE WAS A DEBATE BETWEEN
UNIONISTS ON THIS ISSUE

MULDOON THERE IS QUITE OBVIOUS
DISAGREEMENT

PAISLEY I AM SAYING THAT I BELIEVE IN A
DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT. PEOPLE WILL
HAVE THE RIGHT TO GOVERN IN
PROPORTION TO WHAT THE BALLOT BOX
GIVES THEM.

O'BRIEN AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL?

PAISLEY AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL THEY WILL
HAVE POWER IN PROPORTION TO WHAT
THE BALLOT BOX GIVE THEM.

END OF RHONDA PAISLEY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROGRAMME