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Date: **13 September 1996**

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Dear Sir

We are instructed by the Reverend R T William McCrea MP for Mid-Ulster who has consulted us in relation to the Alliance Party's proposal to have his role in the Portadown Rally discussed at the Talks on Monday 16 September.

In the paper which you have tabled for discussion you state that the Mid-Ulster UVF banner was displayed on the platform. This is incorrect and if you present such evidence at the Talks then we regard your doing so as malicious.

Your distribution, to the various parties attending the Talks, of your proposal for discussion, in our view, constitutes defamation of our client and you are advised that Senior Counsel's Opinion is being sought in respect of this matter.

Yours faithfully

