

**McAleese conversation****Mari Steed**

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To: Claire McGettrick

Katherine O'Donnell

Cc: James Smith, Maeve O'Rourke

McAleese just phoned me...I had feared why he wanted my phone #, and now I know why. And it was one of the reasons I feared it.

Apparently, [redacted] that when he briefed each of the groups, it would be representatives of the groups – none of the actual survivors. Soooo...of course, he wants to meet with only Claire, Maeve, Katherine and I [redacted]

He said "they" (dunno if that's just him and Nula, or who?) are meeting again to coordinate the details, and if that caveat changes, he'd let us know. Of course, he was very, very apologetic and nice about it. But what a shame.

So how do we break this to them?

Details for the morning are we are meeting him at 10.15 am at Iveagh House. Oh, and Jim – he didn't say anything about Skype and I forgot to ask. Do you want to talk with him yourself Monday? Since he seems to be allowing "official" members of groups, that should de facto include you. So maybe that's a tacit yes on Skype from him? Anyway, probably worth following up.

Sorry for the bad news...any suggestions on how to let [redacted] know is appreciated. I know they're going to be hurt.

Mari