
Priority --- McAleese Phone Call

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To: Mari Steed [REDACTED], Maeve O'Rourke [REDACTED], Raymond Hill [REDACTED]

Cc: Claire McGettrick [REDACTED], Katherine O'Donnell [REDACTED]

Hi Folks,

Just took a phone call from Martin McAleese. Will have to digest it all (and unfortunately I have a dept meeting at 3 p.m.) ... But ...

- 1 The Report will be published on Tuesday The cabinet will discuss between 10 11 in the morning The Dept of Justice will release the Report at 4 p m
- 2 Martin with Nuala will brief JFM that morning either 10 or 10:30 for an hour to an hour and a half
- 3 The report is 1000 pages plus ... And that does not include appendices
- 4 He want to brief the "all important ntroduction " the Executive Summary and the summaries for each chapter
- 5 JFM will receive copies of the Report at the time of the meeting please snag a copy for me!

Obviously, he wants to know who from JFM will attend. Don't think I can make it as much as I find it very difficult not to be there (maybe someone would do a personal SKYPE with me from the meeting). I don't know what folks' schedules are like but wonder whether Claire and Katherine could represent us? And, if Maeve is coming over for the day anyway, would she be able to attend (kill two birds with one stone in terms of preparing for Primetime???) . I include Raymond in this email because if he wants to be there and can afford the time and cost etc., then having his expertise would be invaluable.

Martin asked me to come back to him within 24 hours with a list of who will be there. At that stage or sometime before the weekend he will let us know the venue. It will not be Dail Eireann, as he wants somewhere more private and away from the media ---understandable.

We talked at length about the delays. He apologized at length.

He gave nothing away, I mean nothing. [REDACTED] But he was very gracious towards JFM [REDACTED] but he did thank us.

Finally he spoke really sincerely (almost emotionally) about who are at the very center of Tuesday's happenings, the women. He promises that for him it is the women who came through "those institutions" that have to remain front and center. He asked us as he is asking everyone to prioritize what this means for the women ---I assured him that has always been JFM's first priority.

Finally, I asked whether I could receive a .pdf version of the report (or the Executive Summary) at the same time that the meeting begins. He promised to talk to Jimmy Martin to arrange that ...

That is it for now ... We spoke for about 30 minutes,

Best
Jim