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Present: Northern Ireland Office

Mr. J.D.W. Janes (Chairman)
Mr. D.J. Trevelyan
Mr. R.C. Cox
Mr. F.D. Milne

Mr. M.G. de Winton (Attorney
General's Office)
Mr. B.B. Hall) (Treasury
Mr. J.H. Wilkinson) Solicitor's Office)
Mr. G.W. Harding) (Foreign and
Mr. J.B. Donnelly) Commonwealth Office)
Mr. I.K. Mathers)
Mr. A.H. Hammond (Home Office)
Mr. D. Bryars (Ministry of Defence)

8. Mr. de Winton said that another question from Counsel was why only Roman Catholics were interned before 1973. Mr. Hall said that in view of the security forces there was no serious Protestant threat in that period of a kind which led to death and serious injuries. He was, however, worried about the situation during the latter part of 1973, when this argument probably did not apply. Mr. de Winton said that Counsel thought it would be helpful if General Tuzo, Sir G. Shillington and Mr. Whitelaw, for example, could be persuaded to give evidence on policy during the period in question.

9. Mr. Hammond said that there was much to be said for our simply stating that

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