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October 15, 2010

For: Hillary  
From: Sid  
Re: NI conference

Shaun has been excluded from the NI conference in its entirety. I've included the exchange of emails below. Exactly how Shaun has been shut out remains unclear.

Sid - my email exchange with Declan. Seems like Labour is firmly to be excluded!

On 15/10/10 18:22, "Declan Kelly" [REDACTED] wrote:

> Shaun,  
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> Ran the traps on this. I'm told Sidney asked S if it would be ok for you to  
> attend and she said she had no problem with it if there were no issues  
> associated with same, but if there are then it can't happen.  
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> Unfortunately there are a number of protocol issues. Owen Paterson and Peter  
> Power (michael cannot come now) are only attending the first remarks by the  
> Secretary and not participating in the conference. Owen is not attending the  
> dinner because he has to go back for the Cabinet mtg next day, so having his  
> Opposition counterpart there would obviously cause protocol issues as you can  
> appreciate. It also would raise questions in the Irish government as to why  
> the opposition representative from their side wasn't invited either. Finally,  
> there just isn't enough time to rewind the tape on all of this with just one  
> working day left between now and the event.  
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> As you know, it's nothing personal but that appears to be the situation. I  
> hope you understand and if you want to chat further give me a call.