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From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: 24 June 2003 20:00
 To: shunter@[REDACTED] 'Hewitt MPST'; [REDACTED]
 Cc: BUSH BILL; [REDACTED] RAMSAY ANDREW; [REDACTED]
 Subject: RE: List of peers
 Importance: High
 Sarah (Hunter)

We spoke again about your/Sally Morgan's reservations on the plurality test. I discussed it with Tessa. She is now very committed to the plurality test idea and thinks we would have trouble rowing back from it unless we are absolutely certain we will win C5 and foreign ownership without it. She suggested the following course of action:

Tomorrow - Tessa will speak to Andrew M in the morning to get his assessment of the Buscombe position on plurality.

- You, Bill, Sally Morgan and Bruce Grocott need then to agree among yourselves what the likely numbers are on the whole range of votes. How far can we really trust DMGT to give us an accurate assessment of the Tory position? She'd like you to include in your assessment some possible scenarios (eg what happens if we win plurality but still lose C5 and foreign?).

Thursday - Tessa will meet Puttnam in the morning. If we are going to move on plurality she will have to bind him into a guaranteed deal that involves him campaigning on our behalf on C5/foreign ownership.

- she will then also get Melvyn Bragg to speak to the Labour Peers meeting and intimate that the Government is on side and should be left to produce a plurality test solution without unnecessary defeats (this is Grocott's advice)

Following that meeting - Ministers should embark on the series of phone calls they have to make to the 33 troublemakers. Those phone calls, as well as explaining the general duties issue, should focus on the Government's acceptance of a plurality problem and willingness to resolve it.

So [REDACTED] please hold off phoning anyone for now.

Thanks
 [REDACTED]

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From: Hewitt MPST [mailto:MPST.Hewitt@[REDACTED]]
 Sent: 24 June 2003 16:36
 To: [REDACTED] Hewitt MPST
 Cc: shunter@[REDACTED]; BUSH BILL [REDACTED] RAMSAY ANDREW

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RE: List of peers

Subject: RE: List of peers

Yep! [redacted]

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Tel: [redacted]
Fax: [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 June 2003 16:29
To: [redacted] MPST.Hewitt@ [redacted]
Cc: shunter@ [redacted]; bill.bush@ [redacted]
[redacted] drew.ramsay@ [redacted]
Subject: RE: List of peers

I suggest AM we now does in addition ashley,barnett brookman and donnington.
[redacted] can you do remainder?

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 June 2003 16:23
To: 'Hewitt MPST'; [redacted]
Cc: shunter@ [redacted] BUSH BILL; [redacted]
RAMSAY ANDREW
Subject: RE: List of peers

Winging it - largely political conversations rather than policy.
Unless Bill/Sarah want to provide anything?

Tessa has had further thoughts on the list. She wants to call the following:

- Bragg
- Clarke
- Donoughue
- Gavron
- Jay
- McIntosh
- Puttnam
- Rendell

Could Patricia and Andrew split the rest between them? Let me know if that's problematic.

Thanks

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hewitt MPST [mailto:MPST.Hewitt@[REDACTED]]

Sent: 24 June 2003 16:18

To: [REDACTED] Hewitt MPST

Cc: shunter@[REDACTED]; BUSH BILL; [REDACTED]

RAMSAY ANDREW

Subject: RE: List of peers

Fine by me too!

Are they using a common speaking note or winging it?

[REDACTED]

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Tel: [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 24 June 2003 16:09

To: [REDACTED] mpst.hewitt@[REDACTED]

Cc: shunter@no10.x.gsi.gov.uk; bill.bush@[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] andrew.ramsay@[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: List of peers

Looks ok to me.

We will try and start the ball rolling tomorrow.

[REDACTED]

> -----Original Message-----

> From: [REDACTED]

> Sent: 24 June 2003 14:24

> To: 'mpst.hewitt@[REDACTED]' [REDACTED]

> Cc: Sarah Hunter (E-mail); BUSH BILL; [REDACTED] RAMSAY

> ANDREW

> Subject: FW: List of peers

> Importance: High

> [REDACTED]

> I think Tessa Jowell and Patricia Hewitt have agreed that all of these

> Peers need to be phoned, and before next Monday.

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> Can I suggest we split this up between the three Ministers,

> alphabetically?

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> Sp TJ could do from Ashley to Davies

> AM could do Desai to Mallalieu

> PH could do McIntosh to Wedderburn

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> What do you think?

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> [Redacted]

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: [Redacted]

> Sent: 24 June 2003 14:10

> To: [Redacted]

> Subject: List of peers

> Importance: High

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> [Redacted]

> Here's the list of Labour Peers who rebelled over amendment 1 yesterday,

> let me know if you need anything else

> [Redacted]

> << File: Labour Peers voting against the Government, comms bill 24.6.doc

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