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 Subject: **Re: Sunday Life**
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It is worth noting that the Honours system is not in the control of the DUP and there is no one who could make such a promise to Mr Bell."

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On 17 Dec 2016, at 13:29, Simon Hamilton <simonhamilton@dup.org.uk> wrote:

I'd explicitly say in our statement that this is an outright lie by an increasingly desperate man.

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On 17 Dec 2016, at 13:19, John Robinson <johnrobinson@dup.org.uk> wrote:

It's a lie and an act of desperation. Call for it what it is. Time to put up or shut up.

Keep focus folks. JB is secondary. Our main aim must be to get this Scheme under control.

John Robinson Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry

On 17 Dec 2016, at 13:14, Clive McFarland <clivemcfarland@dup.org.uk> wrote:

Aside from the behaviour stuff - which would be great to keep momentum on as Johnny's threats will undoubtedly make people cautious...

Possible line on the Honours stuff

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On 17 Dec 2016, at 13:03, Simon Hamilton <simonhamilton@dup.org.uk> wrote:

With all these threats of legal action I don't imagine it'll be any easier to persuade her (or others) to come forward

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On 17 Dec 2016, at 13:02, Richard Bullick Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry wrote:

We really should get MM to go forward if we can at all

On 17 Dec 2016, at 12:54, Clive McFarland <clivemcfarland@dup.org.uk> wrote:

Ciaran Barnes been on.

Asking for a response on this claim from Johnny that he was offered a CBE in return for silence on the RHI stuff.

Will be front page with some sort of DUP = CBE type headline.

He also said that if we could get someone to go on the record - even via phone call - that they felt intimidated by Johnny they would go with that. Probably have some sort of "Billy Boy Bell" headline on the front page instead.

Thoughts?

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