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I think we are now vulnerable to the legitimate charge 'why didn't you do something about all this bullying'. Should we get Maurice as Party Chair to issue a statement saying we are shocked by all of this, we take it seriously and are setting up a review of our anti-bullying procedures? It'd help address the vulnerability as well as giving the actual story more legs

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Yes we discussed that yesterday

Good. It gives us something of an answer when people say we did nothing at the time

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Cuttings now up but don't go into any details-

Paper did us no favours at all. Neither headline nor story are strong

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Sorry was out there. Has any one got the inside yet?

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Yes it's on press cuts

I briefed simon on where sf are at before he meets m om

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Just the clippings. Do you want those?

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Got them.

Right. That's enough about bell. Focus now must be on correcting scheme.

Re the options - are the annual payments the total or just the NI del part?

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Read McCormick email. He is concerned. He hasn't a good recollection. Thinks he may have affirmed a JB view when TJ's name came up.

Andrew McC has referred to DSO for a draft reply. He's keen to reply and outline legalities around named third parties and privacy.

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I responded on email but this will be difficult for Amc as he probably said things which were not within his knowledge

Andrew has suggested recalling PAC

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Today?

Or tomorrow.
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So what you are saying is he is likely brought my name into this based on what bell said during a conversation quite recently. Surely Andrew had indicated that he didn't know who was supposed to be so-called outside influence?

Also has potential to make AF statement look less credible
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JB brought TJ's name in and Andrew can't recall how he responded.

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Yes but I suspect that he went along with JB assertion

Can Andrew indicate that he has no info to stand over?

JB may want Amc to comment rather than release info himself

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Doesn't sound like we are done for xmas yet

TJ, explain your stand over point.

He means Amc couldn't know of tj involvement and it was never said to him at the time

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Not that there was any

Can Andrew say on the record that he has no evidence to suggest that I was involved in pushing scheme as he could not have evidence to that effect.

It repeat the line from Arlene statement

Say that bell was pushing my name in recent days with a tape going and trying to entrap civil servants

What information is bell asking Andrew Mc to actually release? Is it simply that bell has tapes of Andrew saying he thought I was involved?

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A McC is clear he has no evidence of TJ involvement and from best memory thinks he offered no comment when bell said that.

If anything Andrew McC thinks he may have said, at that time he concluded it was Andrew C

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Is there some way to be able to have the first part of that said by A mcc said if required

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Andrew considering reply now saying he will draft a note of the meeting and send to JB this afternoon for agreement.

This buys time.