**DONATION TO LINEN HALL LIBRARY FROM JEFFREY DUDGEON**

**OF PAPERS 1995-2011**

FOLDERS OF POLITICAL CUTTINGS AND ARTICLES PLUS OTHER ITEMS (PATRICIA CURRAN MURDER, EDWARD DE COBAIN MP ETC)

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Dear John Killen,

I am sorry I was late today getting down with the folders and didn’t get to see you. What follows is a description of the folders and other items handed over.

My last donation of political material was in 2000 and included documentation up to about 1995 when I started working for Bob McCartney, the North Down MP. This job continued until just after the referendum in May 1998. Some documentation (the McCartney Years folder) is present from that time but is not extensive. The 1995 by-election cuttings were lost while most other material remained in the MP’s office.

This batch of folders etc. excludes documentation on my gay rights activity and my substantive Roger Casement book files, earlier batches of which went to PRONI. That is where subsequent material on those subjects is destined and anything which is more personal, if they want it.

These folders deal with a person who was involved in many organisations and causes while he was getting older and more traditional. I was variously a member of the Campaign for Labour Representation, the Campaign for Equal Citizenship, the UK Unionist Party and the UUP, and of NIPSA while I worked for the DHSS, later DHSSPS, (in Health Service Superannuation for a decade) from 1982 to1995 and from 2000 to 2008 in Health Protection.

I was and am still involved with NIGRA (Northern Ireland Gay Rights Association). I remain a controversialist (now right-leaning) and a writer, author of a monumental book on Roger Casement (2002), and a collector of litter.

I also brought in a batch of art sale catalogues from Ross’s in Belfast and Whyte’s in Dublin. Such elegant catalogues, on art paper, flourished for perhaps a decade, and have now been replaced by internet publishing. They will not be seen again.

Unless you have concerns or uncertainties, the whole collection can be made available, once catalogued, without restriction. There is one folder I have retained relating to NIHRC and its 2008 report to the Northern Ireland Office on a possible Bill of Rights which has some sensitive material. And another on various controversies with BICO/Athol Street and Wikipedia, which are still ongoing.

The Casement folders contain interesting material which is however all in copy form.

The faxes provided are rapidly fading as indeed are relatively recent news cuttings.

I could provide a memory stick in due course that would actually involve many more documents that were not printed-off. Do you have facilities for accepting and storing such technology?

When cataloguing, if some items are found to be surplus to requirements or too personal/delicate please withdraw them and return or discard if I agree.

Thanks for your assistance and for accepting these papers. I’ll try not to gather up too much more.

Yours sincerely

Jeffrey Dudgeon

**2011 DONATION FOLDERS**

The McCartney Years 1995-1998

Political Articles & Cuttings folders by year 1998-2011 (14)

NIPSA & DHSS/Health Service Pensions - Trade Union & TUC issues 1982-1995

Legislating by Orders in Council issue/Disability Discrimination Act 1990-1995

Public Sector Pensions issue to 2011

Edward de Cobain MP 1885+

Patricia Curran Murder 2000-2011

Teacher Exemption from Fair Employment Law issue to 2011

Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (NIHRC)/Bill of Rights disputes: Cuttings & Articles 1999

NHRC/Bill of Rights: Cuttings & Articles 2000-2001

NIHRC/Bill of Rights: Cuttings 2002-2011

NIHRC/Bill of Rights: Articles 2002-2011

NIHRC/Bill of Rights: large documents 2002-2011

Bill of Rights Forum documents 2007-2008

Bill of Rights Forum large documents 2007-2008

Bill of Rights Forum Economic & Social Rights Subgroup documents 2007-2008

Casement articles (copies of material in PRONI)

Casement cuttings (copies of material in PRONI)

TCD Seanad Campaign of Jeff Dudgeon Cuttings 2011

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Other larger items in bags, aside from NIHRC/Bill of Rights items, include Irish Political Reviews, the TCD Seanad electoral register, and Ross’s/Whyte’s Art Auction Catalogues.