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Paul for what it is worth here is my diary of recent denis events.

Also see the excellent blog at <http://barbadosfreepress.wordpress.com/> they are doing a good job these days discussing political websites and it might be a good time to discuss this with Denis. I don't know how much they use or believe in the web as a tool but it cannot be ignored especially since BLP has now joined the party and set one up.

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Telephone Discussion with DL -

He has talked with Barrow- our own town hall meeting being organized, ACCRA hotel. date place- t-shirts- budget- 'save Graeme Hall- James Paul potential leader- they want to play up noise pollution and BWA issues- hotel- conference room- meeting- june 3rd- 72 hours before the scheduled meeting- literature drop- radio ads- sat a.m. fri p.m.- he and to go with them this Thursday to discuss and view original designated site.

He has a Tuesday policy meeting with DLP to set up for debate in house the next day -the hot topic is the time share plans for the GEMS property and the government vesting of more land - hotels and resorts- informal policy is awry- (this was discussed in BFP)

We are to meet for dinner tonight

Topics for discussion

-Charter for Change is an important part of the platform and should be invoked not only by signing up grassroots members but also lobbied with DLP. The time to do it is during lead up to election when party and people will listen.

-Money issues from now on must be handled on the basis that we are setting a standard for the future. How else can we define financial integrity and accountability if we do not live it?

-To do this we will start to budget and then compile a complete accounting. Suggest you start now to deliver this message first to your workers and then to your party.

-Paul D update - start June 1st he will be here regularly to listen and mentor. Discuss keeping his presence quiet.

-Town Hall meeting leads to the support for environment that is part of the Charter for Change and is an obvious lead in.

Horseshoe for beer and burgers. Lisa came along which was good so two could listen and we did discuss each topic above plus philosophical discussion re religions and beliefs being analogous to

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political leanings. Discussed Paul D and insistence that highest standards of integrity be the hallmark of everything that happens. Under questioning he states that is the case and will continue. Interested to hear him state that everything I was saying re accounting was already being done. The evidence I had gone over with Marnie prior says otherwise so will pursue this more tomorrow Tuesday when I speak with D. I may go straight to his assistant for this and am also going to reiterate a budget should be produced for 6 months and each month so we can reconcile and tighten up as we go. Was not satisfied with answers I was getting re CfC and his claim it is interfering with his campaign. Wait till I get elected and then I can push it more effectively but I need to get elected. He feels that when selling CfC as a non-partisan/political issue people immediately claim that is a cover up for a political agenda. Also that the DLP caucus do not like it. Thompson had liked it at first but now that he is leader has lost his enthusiasm. I asked what Thompson would say DLP stood for if he had only 100 words and the answer was that he probably would not or could not answer. I presume D is frustrated about this. I want to discuss this more and parse the reasons why there is resistance to CfC. Surely they can adopt some of the less topical principles as part of their platform now? Can D not sell this? I am impressed that D sees this as a problem in DLP and that he wishes it would energize around some issues.

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Thursday May 25th

Spent the morning with Denis as we toured the Eastern Coast and he took me to where a good site for Splash would be. We discussed the fiscal responsibility issue and the Paul D scenario and I assured him we were supportive and 'we would make him better' We also discussed the Charter for Change and tried to parse which issues in the platform were causing him grief as well as at the DLP. I raised two issues, one closing a school and the other the bank non-passing of the tax laws to argue that the DLP should have been jumping on these.

Friday May 26th, 2006

Spoke to Paul D. He will go 3rd to 8th. Sunny to coordinate making reservations. Paul would prefer to fly to Toronto on evening of the 2nd and stay at a hotel then fly out the next morning. On the return he wants to fly to Ottawa when he lands. He will spend that time with Denis to reconnoiter.

I discussed with Paul:

-Fiscal planning. I have asked Denis to create a budget for June as a way of helping us help him plan what he will do and where best to spend money.

-Fiscal reporting- the accounting that he does is rudimentary and after reviewing past accounts I have said he is asking for trouble later so should discuss with Paul a way of offloading responsibility and accountability so that there will never be anyone who can point at him and say he doesn't practice what he preaches. Our mantra here should be that he runs things now the way he will run the country as prime minister. For now since we need to keep our involvement quiet and in a closed loop it is suggested that Paul direct and go over his plan then monitor it so that he can always point to Paul to say it has been supervised and approved by an outsider whose integrity and reputation are beyond reproach.

-Campaign logistics- June 1- Oct 30 plan to win seat at upcoming election.

-Charter for Change- this fundamental platform is being sold by Denis by signing up members- the goal is to have 1000 members which will present a critical mass to the DLP and is intended to motivate them to adopt the CfC.. I am seeing some reluctance in this area from Denis and could not

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pin down the source of his discomfort. I tried discussing each plank of the platform to decipher which one or ones was the cause of the discomfort and this needs more discussion.

-DLP issues- needs discussion as to Denis' role and its own platform

Denis requests a camcorder which I will get for him. He has an editor from the TV station who will do the actual prep.

We have access to talented webmasters so want to discuss whether we can help by upgrading and updating then keeping it current. A recent BFP piece critiques the web pages and we understand the racism issue got a prompt response from the DLP who promised to fix it.

Paul feels the town hall meeting re Caribbean Splash will assist in identifying whether and how Denis can mobilize support on a grassroots issue. We will dialogue more about that in the near future although the whole town hall meeting and publicizing of the engineering plan is quite murky at present.