

[13/05/2020, 15:50:42] Martin Reynolds: Can we have a word on another issue when you are wandering back
[14/05/2020, 19:59:21] Martin Reynolds: Can I have a download of what that was about?
[14/05/2020, 19:59:30] Mark Sedwill: Come through.
[15/05/2020, 07:23:00] Mark Sedwill: And just to complete the cycle of lunacy here's a text from him this morning:
[15/05/2020, 07:23:14] Mark Sedwill: Mark we will make it all Work and work for you. B
[15/05/2020, 07:24:34] Mark Sedwill: Reads pretty valedictorian to me.
[15/05/2020, 07:24:50] Martin Reynolds: This is all mad. Dom has also whatsapped saying PM no longer doing 9.15 but Shinner can if he wants to. Going to be a mad day.
[15/05/2020, 14:26:04] Martin Reynolds: PM hoping to have a word at 3.30 or 4 pm - are you around or available?
[15/05/2020, 14:49:05] Mark Sedwill: WFH. And will be on a train by then so will have to be another time. I don't want another conversation about myself before the weekend. Any news on that?
[15/05/2020, 14:49:52] Martin Reynolds: That is what I suspect he wants to discuss so shall I say you are willing to discuss on Monday
[15/05/2020, 15:00:54] Mark Sedwill: I presume from this that sense is not prevailing.
[15/05/2020, 15:09:09] Mark Sedwill: If he's going to try to scapegoat me he can do so face to face.
[15/05/2020, 15:30:08] Martin Reynolds: Helen sending you a message
[15/05/2020, 15:31:42] Mark Sedwill: Thx. Now on a train.
[15/05/2020, 15:31:58] Martin Reynolds: I would adopt radio silence
[15/05/2020, 15:37:40] Mark Sedwill: Wilco.
[15/05/2020, 16:00:57] Mark Sedwill: Just had this from BJ
[15/05/2020, 16:00:58] Mark Sedwill: Hi Mark

I know you are on a train so won't call but call later if you free

Determined to make it work for you and to deliver on the original plan of 9 months ago

All that remains good to go whenever you want and as I say you have been a hero

Given your reservations about  have new solution for perm Sec at number ten

This is to be Simon case

He will run EDS, PET and Covid

Starting Monday am

It is time for Helen's skills to be deployed in a department where she would be brilliant

I have spoken to Simon case so of course feel free to call him whenever you want

I know that this is all happening fast but we are all trying to respond to a once in a century event in which people are dying every day in large numbers

[21/05/2020, 12:49:26] Mark Sedwill: Fine. V happy of course to see him tomorrow if that works but I will be with him all afternoon anyway so opportunities to chat and be seen to be friendly.

[21/05/2020, 13:03:07] Martin Reynolds: Great - suggest you just chat to him tomorrow. Good opportunity for everyone to reset a bit and then we will do proper sessions from next week. Is 30 mins enough?

[21/05/2020, 13:10:59] Mark Sedwill: Should be. Best if in a slot when we can both relax a bit rather than squeezed in. Maybe a regular sandwich or something like that?

[21/05/2020, 13:14:09] Martin Reynolds: Will see what we can do!

[21/05/2020, 13:14:49] Mark Sedwill: 👍

[24/05/2020, 16:18:45] Mark Sedwill: Hi Martin. Sorry this Cummings business appears to have screwed up your family weekend. Hope you're ok. M

[24/05/2020, 16:19:36] Martin Reynolds: Mark all fine thanks - it has been a bizarre couple of weekends to be sure. Let's see how this new saga plays out.... Martin

[24/05/2020, 16:26:03] Mark Sedwill: Curiouser and curiouser as one voyager through the looking glass observed. I'm 😎

[24/05/2020, 16:27:14] Martin Reynolds: Indeed - surreal (but this one feels even more uncomfortable than last week).

[24/05/2020, 16:28:53] Mark Sedwill: For PM. Problem is it's public. As they don't drag the rest of us in.

[24/05/2020, 16:42:48] Martin Reynolds: Just pinged you the draft - pretty punchy

[24/05/2020, 16:45:33] Mark Sedwill: Sure is. He will have to be at the top of his game for the Q&A. Who is alongside him?

[24/05/2020, 16:47:17] Martin Reynolds: The chap who referred to green shoots... so not the A team.

[24/05/2020, 16:50:06] Mark Sedwill: Difficult for them if they're asked if he breached the guidance.

[24/05/2020, 17:43:46] Martin Reynolds: Seemed to go OK

[24/05/2020, 17:45:43] Mark Sedwill: Not sure how well outside the bubble. Let's see if it's still on the front pages tomorrow.

[24/05/2020, 17:45:58] Martin Reynolds: It is bound to be

[24/05/2020, 17:48:24] Mark Sedwill: Yes. But how? PM has put his own and Govt credibility on the line. People are genuinely angry. This isn't just a bubble story.

[25/05/2020, 12:35:07] Mark Sedwill: I'm in the building. Cabinet prep at 1245?

[25/05/2020, 12:36:51] Martin Reynolds: Good and yes

[25/05/2020, 12:37:03] Mark Sedwill: I will wander through.

[25/05/2020, 13:07:09] Mark Sedwill: 👍

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[26/05/2020, 15:36:28] Mark Sedwill: Do you have a moment for a quick word?

[26/05/2020, 15:51:00] Mark Sedwill: AG problem.

[26/05/2020, 15:56:25] Martin Reynolds: Will pop round in 10 mins

[26/05/2020, 15:56:39] Mark Sedwill: WFH

[26/05/2020, 15:56:55] Martin Reynolds: Fine - will call then!

[26/05/2020, 15:57:05] Mark Sedwill: 👍