Joint Parties 14 October 1975 at 10.30 a.m.

Political Situation

**Fraser:** Connor reported to be resisting resignation - this issue involves Whitlam, unlike the Cairns affair - tactics will be considered throughout the day.

**Wentworth:** main aim to establish to public that Whitlam liar - no isolated case.

**Katter:** no need for loans for Australia except through banks.

**Jessop:** present position justifies call for Royal Commission.

**McMahon:** must sheet home blame to leadership itself.

**Fraser:** not call for Royal Commission now, as Government already convicted itself.

**Jessop:** not calling new Royal Commission now.

**Adermann:** what our response to Royal Commission if suggested?

**Fraser:** could only be whitewash as Whitlam himself implicated - call K to bar of Senate useless too.

**Wright:** Cameron's speech 9 July said loan would still be raised by Connor - referred section of Wheeler's letter referring to "Michael Murphy" and "October initiatives" - keep in touch ACTU-Solo, where ALP has helped ACTU.

**Wood:** Whitlam must be blamed for everything - Senate select Committee might be best.

**Fairbairn:** options: 1. censure 2. want confidence PM or Connor 3. MPI - don't forget Connor as he will drag Government with him.

**Missen:** should pursue matters in Cameron's speech.

**Tactics**

**Sinclair:** MPI on budget deficit.

**Fraser:** complete quiet in House.

**Navigation Bill**

**Nixon:** 105 amendments.

**Maritime College**

**Nixon:** Launceston $22.

**Income Tax Bills**

**Lynch:** Budget decisions - sham.

**Fraser:** should be continuing attack on new tax scheme giving many examples available.
ASTO

Greenwood: Director's appointment and PM takeover.  

Agreed to

C & A Bill

Greenwood: C & A appoints 1 more judge.  

Agreed to

Telephonic Communications

Greenwood: PM person to authorise instead of AG.  

Agreed to

Cormack: transference to PM dangerous and ought not to agree to.

Cameron: should be in hands of AG, if not oppose, then in Government.

Fraser: should agree recommendation——senior public servants believe phones tapped, that point should be made — revise in Government.

Enquiry on DFRB anomalies

Fraser: Bonnettsuggested — better to have one person to enquire.

Public Service

Fraser: want to look at Jessop's Bill after Royal Commission report received — statement on appointments of permanent heads to be announced soon.

Education Policy

Guilfoyle

Policy Agreed to