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FROM: DAVID FERGUSON  
28 OCTOBER 1998

cc PS/First Minister  
PS/Deputy First Minister  
Mr Sweeney  
Mr Lavery  
Mr Campbell  
Mr Larkin  
Mr Logue

To: Party Representatives

**CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON 29 OCTOBER 1998**

1. Further to the joint letter of invitation from the First and Deputy First Ministers (Designate), I am writing to confirm that arrangements have been made for a plenary consultation meeting in Room 21, Parliament Buildings on 29 October, starting at 11.00am and continuing after lunch at 2.30pm.
2. The First and Deputy First Ministers (Designate) wish to concentrate initially on two of the matters referred to them by the Assembly – Departmental structures in the morning and the North/South Ministerial Council in the afternoon. However, they would not wish to preclude discussion on the other two matters – the British Irish Council and the consultative Civic Forum – if Party representatives wish and time is available. Otherwise, it is their intention to deal with these matters on another day.
3. At the request of the First and Deputy First Ministers (Designate), two papers have been prepared to help facilitate discussion – one on structures, the other on North/South co-operation. These are attached. The papers reflect the First and Deputy First Ministers' understanding of the Parties' positions on these matters as expressed orally and/or in writing.

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