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? Adams, letter for them?

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Unusual copy of NZ

no persuasion to go on further.

no time limit - declaration of people is part of withdrawal

Home - Thanks for statement - Tarrant.
What can you tell us of Parris reaction.
What about talk of a few weeks in NZ don't think.
Littan.
But get it put about 'no need for unionists.'
Balance/
H/A dialogues - publications - and the 1 publication
No sign of an agreement or withdrawal,
Not authorized immediately - but things will get back
-? way forward. Not like.
Been in mind things, need could get hard to handle.

- cc PS/Michael Ancram (L&B) - B
- PS/PUS (L&B) - B
- Mr Legge - B
- Mr Thomas - B
- Mr Bell - B
- Mr Williams - B
- Mr Deverell - B
- Mr Wood (L&B) - B
- Mr Watkins - B
- Mr Quinn - B
- Mr Brooker - B
- Mr Maccabe - B
- Mr Leach - B
- Mr Marsh - B
- Mr Caine - B
- Mr Archer, RID - B

PS/SECRETARY OF STATE (L&B) - B

St have allow for:-

JOINT DECLARATION STOCKTAKE

As requested in your note of 5 January, I attach an annotated agenda for the Secretary of State's meeting next week. It covers a number of contingencies in terms of the Provisionals' response to the Joint Declaration and includes items for discussion under each.

2. To be considered alongside the items on the agenda will be key events in the coming weeks, in particular:-

TOPS for questions - 20 January;

James Couchman's Private Members motion on political development in Northern Ireland - 21 January;

The Intergovernmental Conference - 28 January.

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? Rep of talks to Tarrant.

3. Also, whatever scenario applies, the bilateral talks with the constitutional parties will be under way and the Secretary of State has written to the Tanaiste impressing upon him the importance of taking forward the talks process and work on a 'framework' paper.

(signed)

J A DANIELL

Series of current positions:-

The Provisionals;
 the constitutional parties
 and the community in Northern
 Ireland;
 the Irish Government.

*Assuming the Provisionals
 continue not to respond:-*

means of mobilising resources on
 PIRA/SP - business as usual,
 press ahead with political
 talks, stress futility of
 terrorist campaign - road to
 nowhere etc;

[mobilise nationalist
 community, including the
 Church in support of the
 Declaration;]

dealing with demands for
 clarification and the Adams
 letter, if it arrives -
 options for clarification
 without direct contact or
 negotiation?

the possibility of Sinn Féin
 or Sinn Féin publishing
 details of the Sinn Féin
 dialogue)

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT/JOINT DECLARATION

ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR STRATEGY MEETING

1. Review of current position:-

The Provisionals;
the constitutional parties
and the community in Northern
Ireland;
the Irish Government.

helpful statement

2. Assuming the Provisionals
continue not to respond:-

means of exerting pressure on
PIRA/SF - business as usual,
press ahead with political
talks, stress futility of
terrorist campaign - road to
nowhere etc;

[mobilise nationalist
community, including the
Church in support of the
Declaration;]

*to embarrass the Irish
stress Ayl for the two governments.
Chance of comm. - no for negotiation.
For you to judge the text.*

dealing with demands for
clarification and the Adams
letter, if it arrives -
options for clarification
without direct contact or
negotiation?

the possibility of John Hume
or Sinn Fein publishing
details of the Hume/Adams
dialogue;

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time limits on PIRA response? The PM said "I can be patient for a little while but I am not going to put a date on it. I think a brief period of patience is worthwhile";

At what point do we assume the answer is 'No' - need to consult with the Irish;

What if a major atrocity?

Implications for security policy.

3. A fudged response from the Provisionals:-

- danger of Irish showing skill
w/ low background White/Green Paper

4. A temporary ceasefire accompanied by a request for further clarification of the document:-

5. If the answer is 'Yes':-

dialogue within 3 months to:-

- (i) explore the basis upon which SF enters the talks process;

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(ii) exchange views on how SF will be able to play the same part in public life as the current constitutional parties;

(iii) examine practical consequences of the ending of violence.

6. If the answer is 'No':-

sooner than that, consider ending broadcasting restrictions and revoking exclusion orders; changing access to government rules; monitoring procedures - to report on what is happening on the ground and satisfy ourselves that the cessation of violence is genuinely permanent;

procedures by which PIRA gives up its arms;

implications - cover security force profile etc.

*Political agenda
Piracy talks
Lord's motion to amend the
Liam's group to complete work
Tarrant noted that is special
Underpin talk para
- a permanent liaison group
for the Conference (in 1984)*

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political talks - Unionists will want to press ahead before Sinn Fein enter the process but the Irish and SDLP will want to slow down. Implications for bilaterals with parties and possible liaison group work;

6. If the answer is 'No':-

Joint Declaration still stands - doors remain open - exploit continuing doubts in the Provisional movement about their campaign;

Political agenda

Ancrum talks

Work in London JV Framework doc.

Liaison Group to complete work.

Tuohy mentioned them in speech.

Underpin talks process.

- a framework Liaison Group.

For the Conference. (i.e. T. letter)

Press ahead with all strands of political agenda;

Press Irish on range of security co-operation measures;

On security, consider policy measures, legislative framework, information strategy etc. But recognise that they will not produce immediate dramatic effect;

Maintain goodwill engendered by the Declaration with the Irish Government and overseas Governments;

'Westminster' and the GB constituency.

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