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FROM: P N BELL
JOINT SECRETARY
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PS/PUS (B&L) - B
PS/Sir David Fell - B
Mr Thomas - B
Mr Legge - B
Mr Ray - B
Mr Watkins - B
Mr Wood (B&L) - B
Mr Leach - B
Mr Beeton - B
Mr Maccabe - B
Mr Perry - B
Mr Stephens - B
Ms Checksfield - B
Ms Harrison - B
Ms Mapstone - B
Ms Steele - B
Mr Fisher
Mr Dickinson - B
Mr Lamont, RID - B
HMA, Dublin - B
Mr Campbell-Bannerman - B
Mr Budd, Cabinet Office
(via IPL) - B

Mr Hill (B&L) - B

"REMEMBRANCE OF FORGOTTEN THINGS" - AGENDA

I understand the Liaison Group yesterday agreed that both sides of the Secretariat, in addition to you yourself, should run through - literally and metaphorically - arrangements for Monday's Talks with Agenda to include anything, whether outstanding pieces of text or typing services or whatever, that needs fixing today. For that purpose, we are, or were planning to "walk the course" before the Secretary of State does precisely that himself at 1430 hours this afternoon. And we are now to meet at 1230 hours in Castle Buildings.

2. You will have your ideas on what needs covering (and I note papers still coming in), but my own last conversation with

Mr Donoghue suggested the following items, in no particular order, which at the very least we need to "tick off": and we now have quite a long list as follows -

- detailed physical choreography of Monday including arrangements for the two Prime Ministers. I assume Miss Steele as usual is gripping the Prime Minister's arrangements but they need to be melded into the wider drama;
- Handling the inevitable Sinn Fein protest;
- Contingency planning in regard to DUP protests/any other "stunts" that could be pulled.
- Physical security?
- Physical arrangements, including such details as seating, names for delegates etc etc.
- Media - all aspects (including statements by the two Governments, British Ministers, Senator Mitchell
- Senator Mitchell's own secretariat names, numbers, competences. I am assuming no one, on grounds of sensitivity, to be seconded from the Anglo-Irish Secretariat. Who, if anyone are we in a position to propose now?
- All aspects of Monday's choreography not covered above; whether we envisage any further business on Monday beyond the two Prime Ministers statement including; what happens on Tuesday etc etc;

- Note taking - I assume all the participants will keep their own notes, even though there may be some copies being passed around sub rosa;
- Anything else which strikes us or any other recipients of this note.

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(Signed)

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Our two Governments have worked to secure the launch of comprehensive negotiations to achieve a new beginning for relationships within Northern Ireland, within the island of Ireland and between the peoples of these islands, and to agree new institutions and structures to take account of the totality of relationships. We believe the negotiations which start on 10 June offer the best opportunity for many years to secure this goal.

On behalf of our two Governments, we invite you to chair a group of distinguished individuals to play a role in chairing the various aspects of the negotiations which require independent chairmanship.

The two Governments have agreed to invite you, as chairman of this group, to chair the Plenary sessions, to which the various strands and any sub-committees which the Plenary may establish will report and which will periodically review progress across the entire spectrum of the negotiations. We also invite you, with the help of your colleagues, to assist our two Governments in giving effect to our joint commitment under paragraph 18 of the Ground Rules for the negotiations, a copy of which is enclosed.

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