

FROM: MRS J O SEAR
IPL
5 JUNE 1996

cc	PS/Secretary of State (L&B)	- B
	PS/Michael Ancram (L&B)	- B
	PS/PUS (L&B)	- B
	PS/Sir David Fell	- B
	Mr Thomas	- B
	Mr Legge	- B
	Mr Bell	- B
	Mr Brooke	- B
	Mr Watkins	- B
	Mr Beeton	- B
	Mr Hill	- B
	Mr Maccabe	- B
	Mr Stephens	- B
	Mr Dickinson, TAU	- B
	Mr Fisher	- B
	Mr Lamont, RID	- B

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INCOMING CHAIRMEN: PREPARATION

Work is in hand to provide the Chairmen with sets of papers at three stages; on invitation; on arrival in Belfast and during the week commencing 10 June. Work is also in hand on practical arrangements. This note summarises where matters stand.

On invitation

2. Draft invitation letters have been prepared. The two Governments will write separately, but in the same terms, to the Chairmen. Separate draft letters to the three Heads of Government have also been prepared. A schedule of practical and administrative matters covering issues such as the daily fee, travel matters and arrangements for re-imbursing other governments for the loan of aides/Private Secretaries is with Kieran Dowling in the Secretariat. Thus far the Irish have not been willing to agree this.

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3. We have arrangements in hand for the immediate despatch (by fax) of invitation letters via the FCO. Together with the invitation letters we hope to be able to provide the Chairmen:

- UK/Irish paper on opening scenario.
- Draft agenda for Strands 1, 2, 3, Business Committee and the Opening Plenary.
- Draft procedural rules.
- Ground Rules

4. If necessary, these can follow in the next few days. It would also be courteous to tell the Chairmen names of negotiating teams as they emerge (after Thursday 6 June).

On arrival on 9 June

5. On arrival, the Chairmen are expected to be met by the Talks Administrator, Mr Dickinson and taken to their hotel - the Europa. We will provide Mr Dickinson with copies of the current background texts and statements which were put together by CPL. These range from the Anglo Irish Agreement through to the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Act 1996. We will also provide a welcoming letter from the Government.

6. Mr Bell is considering hospitality arrangements for the Chairmen for the evening of 9 June.

Papers for the week commencing 10 June

7. During the week commencing 10 June, we will consider the need for additional background material including selected background texts from the 1991/2 talks.

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8. We will also consider whether the press statements and publicly available documents relevant to the exploratory dialogues with Sinn Fein and the loyalists would be appropriate.

(SIGNED):

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PS/Sir John Wheeler (L) - 5
PS/Michael Anderson (S&L) - 5
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PS/Sir D Fell - 5
Mr Thomas - 5
Mr Bell - 5
Mr Steele - 5
Mr Watkins - 5
Mr Leach - 5
Mr Perry - 5
Mrs Collins - 5
Mr Maccabe - 5
Mr Stephens - 5
Mr Boston - 5
Mr Hill - 5

Mr Legge - 5

SIR JOHN WHEELER'S DINNER WITH UUP REPRESENTATIVES - 3 JUNE 1996

The Minister was grateful for the briefing provided by Mr Maccabe and others for his dinner with Ulster Unionist representatives which took place in Stormont House last night.

The UUs were Ken Maginnis MP, James Cooper (UU Vice Chairman and moderate Fermanagh Unionist), Jack Allen (UU Treasurer), Trevor Wilson (Cockstown Councillor and PANI member), David Brewster (dynamic Young Unionist and Trimble-ite) and May Steele (relatively unknown East Antrim Forum member).

You and Mr Maccabe provided official support.

Parades

Mr Maginnis believed that the Parades issue would be virtually non-existent if clear Province wide policy guidelines were adopted. These guidelines would include:

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(a) keeping main arterial routes free;

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