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TALKS SECRETARIAT
24 JUNE 1996

cc PS/Secretary of State (L&B) - B
PS/Sir John Wheeler (L&B&DFP) - B
PS/Michael Ancram (L&DENI) - B
PS/Malcolm Moss (L, DOE & DHSS) - B
PS/Baroness Denton (L, DED & DANI) - B
PS/PUS (L&B)
PS/Sir David Fell - B
Mr Thomas (L&B) - B
Mr Bell - B
Mr Legge - B
Mr Leach (B&L) - B
Mr Steele - B
Mr Watkins - B
Mr Wood (B&L) - B
Mr Beeton - B
Mr Currie - B
Mr Hill (L&B) - B
Mr Lavery - B
Mr Maccabe - B
Mr Perry - B
Mr Stephens - B
Ms Checksfield - B
Miss Harrison (B&L) - B
Ms Mapstone - B
Mr Whysall (B&L) - B
Ms Collins, Cab Off (via IPL) - B
Mr O'Mahony, TAU - B
Mr Lamont, RID - B
HMA Dublin - B
Mr Westmacott, (via RID) - B
Mr Campbell-Bannerman - B
Mrs McNally (B&L) - B

TALKS: CONTINUING CONFERRING ON PROCEDURAL RULES - 24 JUNE

I attach the internal record of this morning's session.

(Signed)

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RECORD OF CONFERRING SESSION
CASTLE BUILDINGS, 24 JUNE 1996INDEPENDENT CHAIRMENMr Holkeri
General de ChastelainBRITISH GOVERNMENT TEAMMichael Ancram
Mr Leach
Mr HillIRISH GOVERNMENT TEAMMr Gleeson
Minister Coveney
Mr O hUiginnALLIANCE PARTYMr McBride
Mr CloseLABOURMr Curran
Mr CaseyNI WOMEN'S COALITION

Ms Hinds

Mr Hutchinson
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Rev McCreaUK UNIONISTMr McCartney
Mr WilsonUK UPMr McCartney
Mr DudgeonUUPMr Trimble
Mr Empey

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SUMMARY

A short meeting which saw the parties agreeing to adjourn pending further bilaterals and to meet later to consider revised Procedural Rules.

DETAIL

2. Mr Holkeri opened the meeting at 10.05. He summarised the current position by stating that some parties had expressed the view that the draft Procedural Rules circulated on 19 June should be more comprehensive. The Chair had been informed that some progress had been made following bilateral meetings held on the previous Thursday. He hoped, therefore, that if further meetings continued, it might be possible to produce amended draft Procedural Rules for the meeting to consider later in the morning. He therefore proposed that the meeting should adjourn until 1200 in the expectation that a new text would be circulated around 1100 for the delegations' consideration.

3. Mr McCartney, sought clarification about who would produce the new draft and (a dig at the two Governments) if it would be prepared by the Chairman's Secretariat? He also wondered if it would take into account proposals put forward at bilateral meetings? Mr Holkeri confirmed that the revised draft would include suggestions put forward at earlier bilaterals and would be by no means final.

4. Dr Paisley, interjected to suggest that the revised draft would merely be one agreed by the two Governments. Mr Holkeri replied that the draft would certainly include suggestions put forward by the two Governments. Dr Paisley wondered how the forthcoming bilaterals could have any influence on the draft to be circulated at 1100 hours, Mr Holkeri concluded by stressing that the draft could take on board any suggestions put forward at the bilateral meetings and that the time table for circulating the draft was merely indicative in order to keep the process on-going.

5. The meeting adjourned at 1011.

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