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TALKS: PROGRESS REPORT - MONDAY 29 JULY 1996: MORNING

In the plenary this morning, the rules of procedure were agreed (at 10.40) along with the UKUP resolution on 'political efficacy'; and the appointment of the Business Committee was agreed. The Plenary broke for bilateral discussion on next steps.

2. Senator Mitchell called on the Governments afterwards, and passed around a copy of the attached press statement.

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Senator Mitchell's brother, Robert E Mitchell, died on Saturday night in their hometown of Waterville, Maine. Senator Mitchell will leave Belfast today to travel to the United States for the funeral.

The recent press speculation about the Senator "quitting" the talks is totally false and without any foundation whatsoever. Senator Mitchell will return and resume the Chairmanship as soon as possible. He is determined to do all he can to make progress in the talks.

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