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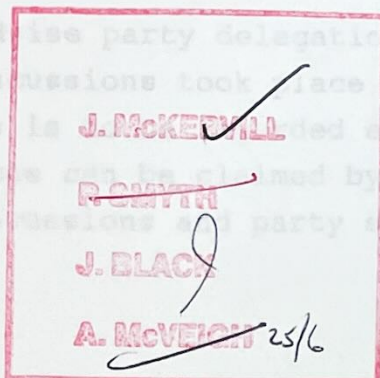
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cc: PS/Secretary of State (L&B) - B  
PS/PUS (B&L) - B  
PS/Sir David Fell - B  
Mr Thomas - B  
Mr Leach - B  
Mr Bell - B  
Mr Watkins - B  
Mr Maccabe - B  
Mr Stephens - B  
Mr Carson - B  
Mr Fisher - B  
Mr Dickinson  
Mr Jones, FSD  
Mr O'Mahony  
Mrs McNally - B  
Mr Lamont, RID - B  
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PS/MICHAEL ANCRAM (B&L) - B

**TALKS: ALLOWANCES PAYABLE ON THURSDAY 20 JUNE 1996**

The purpose of this submission is to seek the Minister's approval to treating today, 20 June, as a negotiating day for the purposes of paying talks allowances.

2. Although no informal multi-party discussions have been taking place in Castle Buildings, the Minister has been engaged in a series of bilateral discussions with the parties which form an important part of the negotiating process. In these circumstances it is proposed that this should be regarded as a negotiating day for the purposes of enabling delegates to claim allowances.

3. PUS is content with this approach and I have consulted the Irish who are also content.

4. If the Minsiter agrees, it is proposed that the attached note should be sent to heads of party delegations.

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TO: ALL HEADS OF DELEGATIONS  
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**ALLOWANCES FOR DELEGATES AND PARTIES**

This is to advise party delegations that in view of the fact that bilateral discussions took place in Castle Buildings on Thursday 20 June, this is to be regarded as a negotiating day. Therefore full allowances can be claimed by those delegates who attended the bilateral discussions and party support staff who attended Castle Buildings.

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Thank you for your minute of 18 June.

PETER DICKINSON

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I suggested that the distinction between a "territorial claim of right to jurisdiction over Northern Ireland" and a "territorial claim of right to jurisdiction over Northern Ireland" was vacuous. I simply recalled that the position reached in the Framework Documents was reached by Ministers with full consideration, as part of a policy process in which as I recall you were yourself centrally involved (including, dare I recall as a member of the Chilcot/Dalton Group), if dissenting!

3. Of course, as I believe Mr Stephens has noted, it will be for the Irish side to convince the Unionists of what they propose. If they run the argument that, despite being ready to withdraw a "territorial claim of right to jurisdiction", they wish to retain a "territorial claim of right", I would expect them to receive an adverse reaction, in which HMG might join.

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