

MINUTES OF THE TALKS ON 11TH JUNE 1996 (2ND DAY)

1ST SESSION

COMMENCED 9.14 A.M.

IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE UUP

DAVID TRIMBLE M.P. , RT HON JOHN TAYLOR MP ,CLLR REG EMPEY

JEFFREY DONALDSON , PETER WEIR.

Patrick Mayhew apologised for being late.

Ian Paisley raised a point of order.To save delegates waiting around ,would it not be better to summons delegates from our rooms when the sessions were ready to start .

Patrick Mayhew described this as a sound suggestion.He stated that there had been a series of bilaterals in the evening ,and the British Government had seen all remaining delegations .The two Government were producing a paper ,which put forward their views on a possible way forward .This would be circulated to all parties within 20 minutes,and we would reconvene at 11A.M. .

Ian Paisley then confirmed that we would be summoned at 11AM.

David Trimble suggested that two hours were to given to consultation ,maybe it would be better to reconvene at 11.30 A.M.

John Alderdice had it confirmed that we would then be meeting in this format .

Saemus Mallon asked what the status of the paper was and who was it prepared by .

Patrick Mayhew responded that the document had been prepared with the authority of each Government .He said that 11 AM should be a target time .

Saemus Mallon asked if any other party had seen the document.

Patrick Mayhew said yes but not all.

Saemus Mallon asked for clarification on what this meant .

Patrick Mayhew said that the document had been drafted overnight. The Government had taken some soundings and a draft of the document had been shown to the UUP .

Saemus Mallon argued that George Mitchell should be consulted . He felt that George Mitchell's position was crucial and that it would be offensive not to consult him.

Ian Paisley asked how many points can be heard from .

Patrick Mayhew replied that total confidentiality was clearly not being observed .

The meeting adjourned until 11 A.M. Meeting closed at 9.20 A.M..