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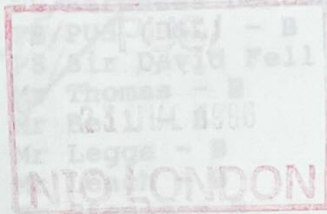
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Dear Secretary of State,

During the last week of roundtable informal consultations, the Dublin Delegation said that the Scenario Paper (6 June) was no longer on the table and thus has no application to the process.

Can you state Her Majesty's Government's position on this?

A quick response will have a bearing on our interpretation of the Draft Rules of Procedure.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Paisley

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TALES. THURSDAY 18 JULY 1996: MORNING

SUMMARY

Two constructive meetings with the DUP and UUP which showed a reasonable degree of acceptance of the revised agenda. The DUP in particular apparently wished to demonstrate a positive attitude, and brought forward a paper setting out the detail of their position on agreeing the Rules of Procedure, to which HMG is to respond. This plus a de facto recognition of Mitchell as Chairman, and a tacit