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From: PS/Secretary of State (B)  
11 July 1996

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cc: PS/Secretary of State (L) - B  
PS/Michael Ancram (B&L) - B  
PS/PUS (B&L) - B  
PS/Sir David Fell - B  
Mr Bell - B  
Mr Leach - B  
HMA Dublin - B

Donald A Lamont - B  
Republic of Ireland Dept

**TALKS: IRISH GOVERNMENT DELEGATION - ATTITUDE**

The Secretary of State has seen a copy of your minute of 9 July 1996 to Mr Thomas. The Secretary of State has noted the proposal set out in paragraph 4 of your minute with regard to conveying a message to the Irish. The Secretary of State's view is that this would be a very good idea.

(SIGNED)

ROBERT CRAWFORD

Mr Thomas (L+B)  
Mr Bell  
Mr Legg  
Mr Leach (L+B)  
Mr Steele  
Mr Watkins  
Mr Beeton  
Mr Currie  
Miss Harrison (L+B)  
Mr Napstone  
Mr Whysall (L+B)  
Mr Collins, CAB Off (via IPL)  
Mr O'Mahony, TAU  
Mr Lamont, RID  
HMA Dublin  
Mr Westmacott, (via RID)  
Mr Campbell-Bannerman  
Mrs McNally (L+B)

File Note

TALKS: TUESDAY 9 JULY 1996

Summary

1. A day devoted to the consequences of Drumcree and the implications for continuation of the talks. The DUP and UKUP withdrew from the talks until the Drumcree situation is resolved. The DUP avoid language of withdrawal, saying they are unable to field a team. Behind the scenes they intimate that they wish to reject the talks as soon as possible. The majority of delegations argue for the talks to continue, at least in

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