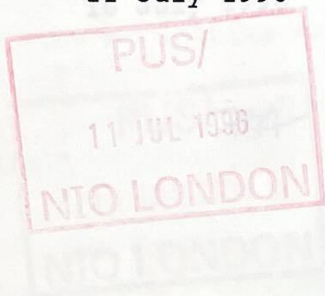


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From: PS/Secretary of State (B)
11 July 1996



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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

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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