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FROM: D J R HILL
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30 JULY 1996

3. terms of the attached text. Mr Bell may wish to mention this to Mr Donoghue in a low key way.

- cc: PS/Secretary of State (L&B) -B
- PS/PUS (L&B) -B
- PS/Sir David Fell -B
- Mr Bell -B
- Mr Watkins -B
- Mr Stephens -B
- Mr Maccabe -B
- Mr Lavery -B
- Ms Harrison -B
- Mr Whysall -B
- Mr Lamont, RID -B
- HMA Dublin -B

(signed)

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Mr Thomas - B

TALKS: COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA

General de Chastelain is soliciting proposals from all delegations in relation to the comprehensive agenda, with a view to circulating them (if the delegations concerned are content) by close of play today. We discussed the case for letting him have formal confirmation that the agendas circulated under the proposition from the two Governments on 25 July remained on the table.

- 2. It seemed desirable to do this in a way which
 - (a) reminded everyone that the strand one agenda had been proposed by HMG alone; and
 - (b) reiterated, as part of a general disposition in favour of broad agenda headings, that HMG was ready to see "constitutional issues" substituted for "the constitutional position of Northern Ireland" in the proposed agenda for strand one.

3. I have accordingly written to General de Chastelain in the terms of the attached text. Mr Bell may wish to mention this to Mr Donoghue in a low key way.

General John de Chastelain
Chairman, Business Committee
Office of the Independent Chairman

(signed)

30 July 1988

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You invited participants to let you know whether they had proposals to make in relation to the comprehensive agenda for the substantive political negotiations, and whether they were content for those proposals to be circulated.

On 29 July the British and Irish Governments recirculated to all delegations proposals regarding the agenda for each of the three strands (the proposals in respect of strand one issues coming from the British Government alone).

In the light of discussions on the rules of procedure and on the comprehensive Agenda the British Government delegation can see advantages in developing agendas which contain relatively broad headings and has already indicated, for example, that it would be content for "constitutional issues" to be substituted for the first indent under item 3 of the proposed agenda for strand one issues.

The British Government delegation would be content for this clarification to be circulated to other delegations.

(Signed DJR Hill)

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DEAR IMMEDIATE

General John de Chastelain
Chairman, Business Committee
Office of the Independent Chairmen

cc: PG/PUS (L&B)
Mr Thomas (L&B)
Mr Bell
Mr Watkins
Mr Stephens
Mr Maccabe
Mr Lavery
Ms Harrison (L&B)
Mr Whyzell (L&B)
Mr Lambert, BID
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Ms Collins, Cab Office
(via JPU)

30 July 1996

PG/Secretary of State (L&B) - B

TITLE: REVISED AGENDA FOR OPENING PLenary

You invited participants to let you know whether they had proposals to make in relation to the comprehensive agenda for the substantive political negotiations, and whether they were content for those proposals to be circulated. If they are, to know when a text will be

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The British Government delegation would be content for this clarification to be circulated to other delegations.

attached. If the Secretary of State is content I should be grateful if Mr Bell would put the draft to the Irish and seek their agreement (tabled to British General de Chastelain by noon tomorrow, or at least letting him know by then that the two Governments will be tabling a revised proposal.

(Signed DJR Hill)

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