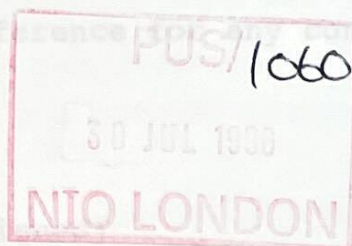


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cc: PS/PS (L&B) -B
Mr Thomas (L&B) -B
Mr Bell -B
Mr Watkins -B
Mr Stephens -B
Mr Maccabe -B
Mr Lavery -B
Ms Harrison (L&B) -B
Mr Whysall (L&B) -B
Mr Lamont, RID -B
HMA Dublin -B
Ms Collins, Cab Office -B
(via IPL)

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

TALKS: REVISED AGENDA FOR OPENING PLENARY

Following receipt of Mr Bell's confirmation that the Irish were content that the two Governments should table the attached proposal, I gave a copy to General de Chastelain.

2. I should be grateful if Mr Bell would let Mr Donoghue know that this has been done.

3. It may be better not to tell Mr Donoghue that by the time I gave the proposed agenda to General de Chastelain he had discovered that the three Unionist parties did not wish their joint proposal to be circulated (the UUP and UKUP had been relaxed but the DUP did not want it circulated unless everyone's proposals were going to be circulated). Given that, the SDLP prohibition on circulating their proposal and the absence so far of any proposals from Alliance, Labour, PUP or UDP, the General only had proposals from the two Governments and the NIWC and was beginning to wonder if it was worth it.

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4. Having discussed the point with Mr Thomas, I confirmed that we would like the attached proposal to be circulated, to underline the fact that the two Governments' proposed agenda of 25 July was not on the table any longer and to provide a sensible point of reference for any consideration of the issue over the Summer.

(signed)

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PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE OPENING PLENARY

The two Governments propose the following agenda for the remainder of the opening plenary:

1. Opening Statements.
2. Discussion of comprehensive agenda for negotiations.
3. Consideration of International Body's proposals on decommissioning and mechanisms necessary to enable further progress to be made on decommissioning alongside negotiations in the three strands.
4. Adoption of comprehensive agenda.
5.
 - a. launch of three-stranded negotiations
 - b. establishment of whatever mechanisms to enable further progress to be made on decommissioning are agreed pursuant to the consideration at item 3.
6. Concluding remarks by the Independent Chairman.

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