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**TALKS: 24 JUNE - HANDLING RULES OF PROCEDURE**

The proposed text I circulated at 20.05 on 20 June was cleared by Irish officials and seemed to be acceptable to the UUP (Reg Empey and Ken Maginnis).

2. Michael Ancram subsequently agreed that we should slightly adapt the text of paragraph 17A (new text attached) to address the UUP concern that they should have a convincing political response to Robert McCartney et al's claim that the negotiations would be taking place within the "straightjacket" of the Ground Rules and the "parameters" set by the Framework Documents.

3. To complement the relevant rules of procedure, we have indicated to the Irish that we would be prepared adopt the position set out in the attached speaking note so far as the status of Ground Rules is concerned. (The Irish have an earlier version.) It is drafted for delivery when the rules of procedure are formally adopted, but it may be necessary to make the necessary points as the draft rules are being considered.

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Gameplan for 24 June

4. ? 8.30 - pre-brief with Secretary of State  
- show revised text of 17A to the UUP (Reg Empey or Ken Maginnis)
- 9.30 - session with Mr Holkeri and the Irish, to discuss choreography  
- put revised text of 17A to the Irish  
[I will ensure that David Angel has a note of the other changes to the 10 June 19.15 text which he has]
- 10.00 - Mr Holkeri to open discussion, say he's received reports on the bilaterals from [both Government's?]  
- and that a number of positive proposals for further adjustments to the rules of procedure seemed to have emerged; and suggest an adjournment to allow these to be incorporated
- ? noon - Independent Chairmen's staff to circulate draft rules of procedure with proposed additions
- after - ? paragraph by paragraph discussion of the new text.  
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5. Mr Leach will be minuting separately on the agenda for the rest of the opening plenary session. It may be that there could be further bilaterals on that or even a discussion in the "Committee" during the morning.

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6. Our objective for the week should be to get to the point, by Wednesday (when Senator Mitchell will be back from Los Angeles), at which the rules of procedure and agenda can be adopted and the plenary commence substantive discussions.

(Signed)

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