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cc	PS/Secretary of State(L+B)	-B
	PS/Sir John Wheeler(L,B+DFP)	-B
	PS/Michael Ancram(L,B+DENI)	-B
	PS/Malcolm Moss(L,DOE+DHSS)	-B
	PS/Baroness Denton(L,DED+DANI)	-B
	PS/PUS(L+B)	-B
	PS/Sir David Fell	-B
	Mr Thomas(L+B)	-B
	Mr Bell	-B
	Mr Legge	-B
	Mr Leach(L+B)	-B
	Mr Steele	-B
	Mr Watkins	-B
	Mr Wood(L+B)	-B
	Mr Beeton	-B
	Mr Currie	-B
	Mr Hill(L+B)	-B
	Mr Lavery	-B
	Mr Maccabe	-B
	Mr Perry	-B
	Mr Stephens	-B
	Ms Checksfield	-B
	Miss Harrison(L+B)	-B
	Ms Mapstone	-B
	Mr Whysall(L+B)	-B
	Ms Collins, Cab Off (via IPL)	-B
	Mr O'Mahony, TAU	-B
	Mr Lamont, RID	-B
	HMA Dublin	-B
	Mr Westmacott, (via RID)	-B
	Mr Campbell-Bannerman	-B
	Mrs McNally(L+B)	-B

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

TALKS SUMMARY, 9 JULY

1. Following consultation with the parties, the Chairman resumed the 'conferring' session at 1pm. Mr McCrea (DUP) and Mr Wilson (UKUP), cutting across the Chairman's attempt at a tour de table on how to proceed, made statements to the effect that until resolution of the position at Drumcree - which was all the fault of the Irish and British Governments - their parties were withdrawing. Mr McCrea believed he was speaking also for the UUP, who had no representatives present.

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2. Michael Ancram made the statement attached, which was issued to the press. Dr Alderdice made profoundly gloomy prognostications; Mr Farren (SDLP) spoke of the progress made in the talks, which gave hope that we could reach issues of substance shortly.

3. The Chairman proposed - to agreement - that there should be continued opportunities for bilaterals, with an expectation that the 'conferring' session would resume next week at a time to be determined following consultation by the Chairmen. Senator Mitchell proposes to issue a statement to that effect.

4. The internal Labour conflict did not surface; Senator Mitchell spoke to its delegates in advance, Mr Casey spoke rather than Mr Curran, and Mr Langhammer was not present.

(Signed)

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Statement by Michael Ancram, Talks, 9 July

I am glad we have met today.

The Government wishes to assure the people of Northern Ireland that the Chief Constable and the RUC, supported by the army, will do all that is necessary to maintain order and the rule of law.

I appeal to all political leaders here to support them, to urge restraint on all sides and to engage whole-heartedly in the process of dialogue.

Every party that stood in the elections to come into this talks process recognised that the problems we face can only be resolved by dialogue.

Last week we all agreed to swet aside two days this week. Let's make the best possible use of that time, round this table or in bilaterals as appropriate.