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DIARY SECRETARY (L)
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cc: PS/Secretary of State (L&B) - B
PS/Sir John Wheeler (L&B) - B
PS/Michael Ancram (L&B) - B
PS/PUS (L&B) - B
PS/Sir David Fell - B
Mr Legge - B
Mr Thomas - B
Mr Brooke - B
Mr Leach - B
Mr Steele - B
Mr Watkins - B
Mr Beeton - B
Mr Hill - B
Mr Maccabe - B
Mr Perry - B
Mr Stephens - B
Ms Checksfield - B
Mr Fisher - B
Ms Harrison - B
Mrs Mapstone - B
Mr Lamont, RID - B
HMA Dublin - B
Mr Campbell Bannerman - B
Ruth Osborne - B
Mr Wood (L&B) - B

MR BELL - B

ADARE MEETING: TUESDAY 4 JUNE 1996

I have seen your minute of 29 May regarding the Adare meeting that is to be held in London on Tuesday 4 June.

2. I have arranged for breakfast to take place at 8.00am in Admiralty House. There will be a separate room set up for breakfast for those accompanying the parties, but not attending the meeting. Those attending should enter Admiralty House via the door on Whitehall. I should be grateful if you would pass this to the Irish party and attendees from our side should note this.

3. Provisionally, the following will be attending the breakfast and meeting from the Irish side:

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Tanaiste

Fergus Finlay

Sean O hUiginn

David Cooney

David Donoghue

Ruari Montgomery

Tim Dalton

Paul Hickey

Ted Barrington

4. Those accompanying the Irish party but not attending the meeting are:

Phillip McDonagh

Colin Wrafter

Donal O'Connor

5. Mr Thomas has kindly advised me that the following should be invited to attend the breakfast and meeting and I should be grateful if they would confirm their attendance:

Secretary of State

Michael Ancram

PUS

Sir David Fell

Mr Thomas

Mr Bell

Mr Leach

HMA Dublin

Mr Howard

6. The following are invited to attend breakfast in the separate room and I should be grateful if they would confirm their attendance:

Mr Wood

Ms Jude

Mr Hill

Mr Stephens

Ms Checksfield

7. Those who wish to attend must let me know by mid-day tomorrow, Friday 31 May so I can pass numbers and names to Government Hospitality.

8. Many thanks

SIGNED

NORTHERN IRELAND: NEXT STEPS

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30 May 1996

The Prime Minister, Sir Patrick Mayhew and Michael Ancram spoke on Monday afternoon about how to handle the next steps. The Irish and US Governments. Sir Patrick Mayhew reported that the Irish Government were sticking to an interpretation of the Mitchell proposals on parallel decommissioning which was incompatible with our view of it, and its natural interpretation, as requiring decommissioning during negotiations. Michael Ancram reported his discussions with Senator Mitchell and Tony Lake. Mitchell had been interested in the suggestion of taking on the penary and decommissioning, but it was clear that the Irish had been working hard to persuade Mitchell and the US Administration that Mitchell should insist on clearing Strand 2. They had also been pushing their interpretation of parallel decommissioning. Mitchell was due to ring him shortly with his response. He expected Mitchell to say that he would be happy to take on the penary, but not decommissioning itself; that he would also like to do Strand 2, but that we would accept whatever the two governments offered.

The Prime Minister said that there could be no question of compromise on the meaning of parallel decommissioning, even if that might ultimately lead to a breakdown. As far as Mitchell was concerned, there were strong arguments against allowing him into Strand 2. The US would probably not want it, and there was a strong likelihood that Mitchell would try to balance political considerations for decommissioning. We would therefore need to make clear to the Irish that we could not accept Mitchell for Strand 2, but would have to take on the penary and decommissioning.