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FROM: C P SALTERS
PS/SIR DAVID FELL
4 JULY 1996

cc PS/Secretary of State (B&L) - B
PS/Michael Ancram (B&L) - B
PS/Sir John Wheeler (B&L) - B
Mr Legge - B
Mr Ray - B
Mr Bell - B
Mr Leach (B&L) - B
Mr Steele - B
Mr Watkins - B
Mr Wood (B&L) - B
Mr Stephens - B
Mr Hill (B&L) - B
Mr Cornick - B
Mr Lavery - B
Mr Budd, Cabinet Office - B
Mr Lamont, RID - B
Mr Campbell-Bannerman - B

MR McKERVILL - B

WHO GUARDS THE GUARDIAN?/DINING ARRANGEMENTS

Sir David was interested to note the last paragraph of your note
of 3 July to Peter Bell in which you suggest that some of the
more senior British Officials and possibly Ministers might make
more use of the Talks canteen.

This issue was referred to yesterday, in slightly mocking terms,
by Sean O'hUiginn, who came into the Secretary of State's room
while Michael Ancram and British officials were eating lunch.
"We eat with the plebs in the canteen." was his comment!
Coincidentally, Willie McCrea also mentioned to Michael Ancram
that he had observed that, while the Irish Government always ate
with the SDLP, the British Government were notable by their
absence from the canteen.

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Sir David believes yours is a very valid point and agrees that we
should try harder to mix with the delegations.

Signed Clare Salters

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