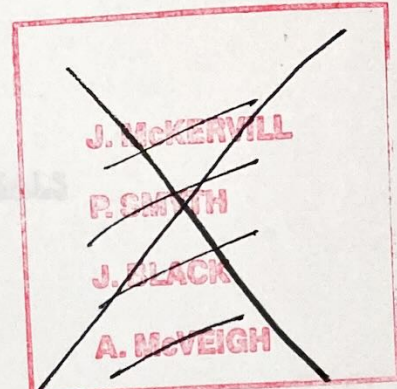


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### COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA

General de Chastelain gave me in confidence a bundle of papers revealing the parties' views as at 30 July on the agenda for the rest of the opening plenary. This has purely historical interest.

2. With it was enclosed the attached set of papers setting out the parties' views on the comprehensive agenda, and these are of some current interest. Obviously the debate has moved on since 30 July and the SDLP and UUP seem to have reached a measure of agreement on a slimmed down agenda which may carry the day. It is, however, interesting to see the SDLP's proposed agenda, which must look pretty reassuring to Unionists: it is clearly predicated on Northern Ireland remaining part of the UK and there is considerable emphasis on institutional and other arrangements within Northern Ireland, although it also refers to north/south bodies with executive powers. The DUP proposals are also of some interest: they do not expose much flank but there is a reference to "institutional arrangements" in their strand 2 agenda. The UKUP proposals do at least indicate where McCartney is coming from.

(signed)

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## COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA PROPOSALS

AS OF 30 JULY

1. HMG proposal for Strand One Talks (amended as of 30 July)
2. Joint British and Irish Governments' proposal for Strand Two and Three Talks
3. UKUP proposals (Strand One, Two and Three Talks)
4. SDLP proposals (Strand One, Two and Three Talks)
5. DUP proposal (Strand One and Two Talks)

John de Chastelain  
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