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## PS/MICHAEL ANCRAM (B&L)

## TALKS: MEETING WITH BUSINESS LEADERS

During the discussion in plenary yesterday of the 1. invitation from Sir George Quigley and others to talks participants to a meeting on Monday, the Minister agreed to change the venue of the meeting to or Government accommodation, outside the talks building.

Sir George had issued invitations earlier yesterday, 2. however: and they will now be with the parties. Sir David Fell spoke with him last night, and agreed that the best course might be for you to send a note to the parties, changing the venue. I attach a draft.

I am also sending (to you only, by fax) the address list 3. used by Sir George. I suggest you send the originals of the letters by hand to the parties in Castle Buildings, but also send a copy by first-class post (or fax) to the outside addresses, where they are given.

Mr Fisher might like, as a courtesy, to let the Irish know 4. what is happening.

(Signed) A J Whysall Draft letter for signature by PS/MICHAEL ANCRAM

To (Party leaders on the attached list)

<u>Hidden copies</u> Mr Whysall

During discussion in the Plenary yesterday, Michael Ancram proposed that the venue for the meeting offered by Sir George Quigley and other business leaders next Monday at 10 am should be changed to another Government office outside the talks premises. You will probably now have received an invitation from Sir George and the others, issued before that discussion.

The Minister has asked me to let you know that the venue for the meeting will now be Conference Room D4.2, in the Department of Health and Social Services' accommodation in Castle Buildings. The time remains the same. You and members of your delegation who would like to attend should go to the main entrance to Castle Buildings, a short way down the hill from the entrance to the talks building.