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POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
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cc PS/Secretary of State (B&L) - B
PS/Michael Ancram (B&L) - B
PS/PUS (B&L) - B
PS/Sir David Fell - B
Mr Thomas - B
Mr Leach (B&L) - B
Mr Bell - B
Mr Watkins - B
Mr Hill (B&L) - B
Mr Stephens - B
Mr Whysall (B&L) - B
Mr Jagelman - B ✓

Mr Lavery - B

ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIONS - SKELETON JUDGMENT

Can I add my support to the opinion expressed in Mr Bell's minute of earlier today, that we should not ask the DUP for a copy of the Reverend McCrea's speech. If we were to ask for one, apart from looking as if we expected the accused to contribute to his own conviction - or more likely acquittal - I expect we would receive the kind of curt refusal I got from Cedric Wilson when I asked him to let me see the copy of our record of a day at the Talks he waved around during Monday's plenary.

[signed CGM]

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