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MEETING WITH TRIMBLE

I think there is a little compression in the remark attributed to me in paragraph six of your note of this meeting.

The passage might read:

"Mr Thomas recalled that the UUP had shown some interest in ideas on decommissioning HMG had canvassed towards the end of the talks. He sensed that Mr Trimble needed some assurance that, if he moved, he would be met from the other side. Likewise Mr Thomas felt that the Irish side might consider moving if they felt it would be reciprocated by the UUP. A bridge might be built from both sides. Mr Trimble did not dismiss this altogether but said he was not prepared"

In other words I do not think I said that the Irish side had expressed an interest in UUP proposals; and if I had said that it would not have been true!

(Signed)

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