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## MR MURPHY'S MEETINGS WITH THE PARTIES ON 9 JUNE

1. Primarily a listening exercise.
2. Attention likely to focus on
  - (a) the outcome of the Irish General Election;
  - (b) claims that the two Governments are putting together a paper on decommissioning;
  - (c) [the implications of any IRA activity over the weekend];
  - (d) (for the UKUP) the prospects for further official meetings with Sinn Fein.
3. On decommissioning the Minister need not hide the fact that the two Governments are indeed working up some proposals (the Secretary of State told plenary on 3 June that she was "determined to facilitate" a resolution of the decommissioning issue and secure the early launch of substantive negotiations) and that we may put them forward in due course for consideration.
4. He may need to deal with Alliance scepticism that an acceptable deal can be struck, but it would probably be best to let them "wait and see" rather than reveal details at this stage.
5. So far as the UKUP is concerned, the key point to stress is that decommissioning must be resolved to the satisfaction of the participants; and that, whatever the two Governments put forward, there must be agreement within the talks on how the decommissioning issue should be handled.

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6. With the SDLP the Minister might point out how unhelpful the Irish press briefing of Friday has been, while reassuring them that the Government has not been blown off course and will continue to cooperate closely with the Irish Government in preparing a package which stands a reasonable chance of winning sufficient consensus support. He might invite them to acknowledge the importance of taking due account of legitimate Unionist concerns and giving Mr Trimble all the political cover he made need to join in supporting whatever proposition is eventually tabled. (They may be more receptive to this argument than the Irish Government.)

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## TALKS GAMEPLAN

FOR WEEK BEGINNING: MONDAY 9 JUNE

cc: PS/Secretary of State (L&B)  
 PS/Mr Murphy(L&B)  
 PS/Mr Ingram (L&B)  
 PS/PUS (L&B)  
 PS/Sir David Fell  
 Mr Thomas (L&B)  
 Mr Steele  
 Mr Watkins  
 Mr Leach  
 Mr Bell  
 Mr Stephens  
 Mr Ray  
 Mr Wood (L&B)  
 Mr Lavery  
 Mr Perry  
 Mr Maccabe  
 Mr Beeton  
 Mr Brooker  
 Mr Priestly  
 Mr Whysall (L&B)  
 Ms Mapstone  
 Ms Bharucha  
 Mr Warner/Ms Healy  
 Mr Holmes, No 10  
 Mr Budd, Cabinet Office  
 Mr Tebbitt, RID  
 Mr Lamont, RID  
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 Mr Clarke, Dublin  
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