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John 16/9.

TELEPHONE CALL TO TRIMBLE

- Thanks for Donaldson note (attached). Useful, though not of course an agreed record. Some differences of detail.
- Making rapid progress on the points discussed.
- CBMs: Statement on acceptance of Coopers and Lybrand report already issued. One on local government land development will issue today. More in the pipeline. On firearms legislation, intention would be to exempt personal protection weapons anyway, if and when legislation brought forward. Useful for Adam Ingram to talk to you or someone else quickly?
- Decommissioning chairmanships: Mitchell, de Chastelain and Holkeri agree to joint chairmanship of Strand 2 by de Chastelain and Mitchell, with Mitchell likely to take on the task in practice. Irish can live with this. Assume you can (your idea!). Leaves de Chastelain free to chair Independent Commission – your priority.
- Working on an article, as we discussed, perhaps for Saturday morning Newsletter?
- On consent/decommissioning language, good progress with the Irish. (Talk through again main points – attached).

AMW.
Bonneville

Text of
order
commit

new name
for panel

N.I. Police
Service

Ken Reid will live
5 or 10 mins. 11.

6-6.30

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- But they need reassurance that if this statement is made, you will be in the talks on a full basis and that we will be onto the substantive agenda next week.
- So need to choreograph this further. Still believe best if we issue our consent/decommissioning language Sunday night/Monday morning, and you join the talks on Monday. If not, at least make a statement on Monday to make clear your intention to do so.
- Should then aim to have procedural motion on Tuesday or Wednesday to note intention of two governments to implement decommissioning, and Chairmanships' proposal; to resolve substantive agenda quickly on basis of your previous tripartite proposals (with SDLP and Alliance); and then to launch three-stranded negotiations alongside decommissioning machinery.
- Can you confirm agreement on this basis so that I can tie up the language with the Irish? Suggest you talk through details of resolving decommissioning quickly with Paul Murphy. Must be a clear deal.

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