ASSISTANT SECRETARY SECURITY POLICY & OPERATIONS 1 5100 RECEIVED 30 OCT 1996 MRS D E MCNALLY FROM: Political Development Team 30 October 1996 cc PS/Secretary of State (B&L) - B PS/Sir John Wheeler (B&L)CE-(B PS/Michael Ancram (B&L) - B PS/Malcolm Moss (DHSS, DOE & L) - B PS/Baroness Denton(DED, DANI & L) - B PS/PUS (B&L) - B PS/Sir David Fell - B Mr Thomas - B Mr Steele - B Mr Leach - B Mr Bell - B Mr Watkins - B Mr Wood (B&L) - B Mr Beeton - B Mr Priestly - B Mr Hill (B&L) - B Mr Lavery - B An Non Mr Maccabe - B Mr Perry - B Mr Stephens - B Ms Bharucha - B Ms Mapstone - B Mr Whysall (B&L) - B Mr May - B Mr McKervill - B Dr Smyth - B

## NOTE FOR THE RECORD

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TALKS: LIMIT ON SIZE OF GOVERNMENT TEAMS AND SUPPORTERS

A 'convention' was adopted during yesterday's plenary session that the number of supporting officials permitted to attend future plenaries would be limited to 3 at the table and 5 in support for the two Governments, and 3 at the table and 3 in support where the parties are concerned.

Mr Jagelman - B Mr Hallett - B

2. Agreement on this followed a complaint from the DUP about the size of the Irish Support Team (which has spilled over into today's Newsletter). Parties (and consequently the Chairmen) may keep a close eye on the size of Government teams. Accordingly if you enter the room and find five 'supporters' seated (including the internal notetaker) it is important either to promptly cause one of them to make way for you, or yourself leave.

3. We will also need to provide the Chairmen with a list of names which will constitute the British delegation negotiating and support teams. I attach a draft list. It includes the names of all those officials who kindly agreed earlier this year to join our pool of notetakers. I should be grateful if you would check that anyone who is likely to be attending the talks in the near future features on this list.

## (Signed)

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