

HUME: SPEAKING NOTE

- Sorry I could not see your Bloody Sunday people on Wednesday but hope what I said was helpful.
- Latest impressions of talks: hear your bilaterals with UUP are improving.
- Perception of Sinn Fein position? Some nasty rumours around following emergence of dissent. Serious?
- As discussed, have been looking at Heads of Agreement. Not got a text yet but main elements:
 - Reference to constitutional change based on consent.
 - Northern Ireland Assembly, powers to be defined.
 - East-West body of some kind, as discussed (Council of these islands).
 - North-south structure – might call it Council for Cooperation?
 - IGC machinery, not confined to Northern Ireland.
 - Equality and justice issues.
- Any obvious showstoppers here? Will let you see a text when we have done more work.

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- Also talking to UUP and will talk to Irish.
- May want to play a text from us into talks at right moment, but meanwhile Mitchell may make the running.

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