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cc PS/Secretary of State (B&L) - B
PS/Sir John Wheeler (B&L) - 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&L) - B
Mr Steele - B
Mr Leach - B
Mr Bell - B
Mr Watkins - B
Mr Stephens - B
Mr Wood (B&L) - B
Mr Beeton - B
Mr Priestly - B
Mr Hill (B&L) - B
Mr Lavery - B
Mr Maccabe - B
Mr Perry - B
Ms Bharucha - B
Ms Mapstone - B
Mr Whysall (B&L) - B
Ms Collins, Cab Off (via IPL) - B
Mr Dickinson, TAU - B
Mr Lamont, RID FCO - B
HMA Dublin - B
Mr Westmacott (via RID) - B
Mr Campbell-Bannerman - B
Mrs McNally (B&L) - B
Mr Holmes, No 10

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

SUMMARY: TALKS, MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 1996

The plenary session continued the address to decommissioning. Despite a UKUP proposal that plenary should proceed to a determination of the decommissioning issue, considering and voting on a paper tabled by the UKUP, the plenary agreed that the meeting should adjourn until 11.00 am on Wednesday 27 November. Bilaterals will continue between the parties, and between the Chairmen and the parties.

2. The other main business was a difficult morning bilateral with the UUP. Mr Trimble became heated when he learned that a response to Hume/Adams had been given to the Irish and to John Hume: he argued

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that he had been promised sight of the text before reverting to Mr Hume. Mr Ancram assured him that that was not our understanding and that he would be briefed prior to publication, as agreed. He did so later that day (minuted separately). Copies of the HMG paper on decommissioning were passed over. As expected the main UUP area of concern was over the Commission's role in respect of the timing of decommissioning. They will consider the paper and revert with comments.

3. The initial Irish reaction to the Prime Minister's letter with the test of Hume/Adams has been minuted separately.

Signed

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