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HUME/ADAMS: MEETING WITH THE TANAISTE

A footnote if I may to Mr Stephens' brief of 4 November. The Irish, according to Mr O hUiginn, hope for a three point agenda for today's meeting between our two Principals:

- ( i) Hume/Adams;
- ( ii) "The big picture"; and
- (iii) the future role of General de Chastelain.

With the exception of the proposed item (iii) above (which is itself, of course, closely connected with the handling of the decommissioning issue), you will detect a natural and perhaps inevitable convergence with Mr Stephens' suggested agenda.

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