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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

PUS'S CONVERSATION WITH TIM DALTON

PUS's conversation with Tim Dalton: 15 November 1996

PUS de-briefed me on a conversation which he had with Tim Dalton in the course of Friday afternoon. The following are the main points of the exchange.

Dalton has spoken to Sinn Fein (?McGuinness) and is convinced of the continued seriousness of PIRA toabout a new ceasefire. He has impressed on PUS the need to ensure that their intention is made credible.

Dalton stressed that were two main issues: Sinn Fein would not accept a pre-announced pre-cast framework for decommissioning. But would be willing to enter into a process;

- The possibility of a meeting with British officials seemed to be growing in importance to them.

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