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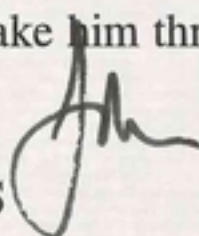
I think the Duty Clerk has already faxed you a copy of the Irish draft settlement text, which we were given this morning. I have not yet had time to read it in detail but there are fairly obvious problems in many places, not least over policing, prisoners, and the whole flavour of the text. You will see that there is no North-South reference in it. That is because officials are not discussing this part of the paper, which is being left for ourselves and the Taoiseach's office to deal with.

Also attached are our own latest text, as given to Mitchell and being discussed with the Irish today (apart from the North-South bit); the Irish text on North-South which was sent to us earlier in the week; the propositions text; and the various comments I have received from Trimble at different times on texts he has been sent by us.

What Trimble has seen so far is an earlier version of the North-South text in our latest paper, the Strand I text in our latest paper (ie Chapter 2), and our East-West text (Chapter 3 of the latest version).

I will send you a note overnight with some suggestions on how we might handle Trimble on Sunday, and proposed revised revisions of the Strand I and II texts which we might take him through.

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