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RECORD OF A PLENARY MEETING HELD IN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON MONDAY
24 JUNE 1991

<u>Government Team</u>	<u>Alliance Party</u>	<u>UDUP</u>
Secretary of State	Dr Alderdice	Dr Paisley
Mr Fell	Mr Dickson	Rev McCrea
Mr Pilling	Mr Neeson	Mr Vitty
Mr McNeill		
	Mrs Bell	<u>UUP</u>
	Mr McBride	
<u>Talks Secretariat</u>	Mr McGarry	Mr Molyneaux
Mr Hill		Mr Nicholson
Mr Watson	<u>SDLP</u>	Mr McGuinness
	Mr Hume	Mr Allen
<u>Also present</u>	Mr Mallon	Mr Empey
Mr Pawson	Mr McGrady	Mr Wilson
	Mr Feely	Mr McGimpsey
	Dr Hendron	
	Mr Farren	

A plenary meeting of Strand One of the Talks took place at Parliament Buildings between 1758 and 1812 on 24 June.

2. The meeting was held to agree the text of a press release summarising the day's business. In particular the Government Team drew attention to the last sentence of the draft statement which referred to the "possible intensification of the process".
3. The SDLP suggested that an amendment be made to this form of words which made reference to consideration being given to future arrangements for further meetings.
4. The UDUP stated they could not accept this together with the second SDLP proposal of omitting reference to the Business Committee in its entirety. The SDLP sought clarification from the Secretary of State as to the status of the Business Committee regarding the power to take decisions independent of the plenary process. The Government Team acknowledged that the Business Committee had no such power. The Government Team offered a further amendment to the text which pointed to the Business Committee "meeting this evening". The UUP responded to this by stating that it was not positive enough in tone. The UDUP made a further proposal to include each of the

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parties' proposals being discussed at the Business Committee. The SDLP did not agree with this.

5. The Alliance Party stated that they thought there were two distinct aspects being considered by the Business Committee. There was firstly the conduct of business beyond clarification stage and secondly the intensification issue which required further consideration. The UDUP acknowledged the Alliance team's analysis.

6. The Government Team proposed a further amendment to the final sentence of the release and this was agreed to by all concerned. (copy attached for ease of reference.)

7. The Government Team stated that the talks would recommence at 10.30 the following morning.

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