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NB. *Could rather than would.*

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Recognising the difficulties and real anxieties of the delegations and appreciating that nothing is agreed until everything is agreed we feel it necessary to flesh out some of our ideas on North/South structures which could be implemented if other areas e.g. Articles 2 & 3 were to be satisfactorily resolved.

We base our submission on the understanding that as wide a range of powers as possible (not less than in 1973) would be devolved to a powersharing Northern Ireland Assembly along possible understandings of the progress report from Strand I

Institutions/Structures could involve those exercising executive power in a Northern Ireland Assembly & Ministers from the Dail. Such structures could have a role as far as devolved matters might be concerned.

As far as excepted and reserved matters are concerned such structures could be tripartite between Her Majesty's Government/Northern Ireland Assembly/<sup>Government</sup>Dail. *the Government of the Irish Republic.*

As far as North/South structures are concerned such meetings could be between respective Heads of Department/Ministers and their counterparts on a regular basis.

Specific topics could be examined by Civil Servants Officials for each jurisdiction with report back to their respective Minister. This might include research, reports, recommendations etc.

Issues to be covered could be as wide as possible, in the interests of the <sup>people of the island?</sup> ~~overall well-being of both~~ North & South.

Where matters fell within the remit of Her Majesty's Government again tripartite involvement would be essential.

It seems obvious these matters to be discussed could only be furthered by agreement. Trust must be built.

Any understanding ~~to~~ could be implemented separately by the relevant Minister in each jurisdiction.

There could be a permanent secretariat in which officials from each jurisdiction could be represented and would remain answerable to their respective jurisdiction.

Such structures as above could be capable of flexibility - could adapt to changes. The essential governing feature must be the establishment of goodwill and trust - the removal of suspicion and mistrust.

This could be achieved by the proper addressing of central and constitutional issues which have stifled mutual respect.

Problems of permissiveness — This is not a problem in the north.  
— nobody showing even a corner of  
a card.