

Decommissioning Sub - Cttee

25/11/97

Initial Report distributed 21/11/97
to all parties.

Meeting chaired by: Mr Holkeri

Present Gen de Chastelain
Brig T Nieminen
Aban O Johnson

Wide consultation including
Brit Army
Garda
RUC
All political parties
(some multi).

Para 17
No additional suggestions from parties
on method of decommissioning

Para 17
4 originally proposed by Interim
body.

Para 18
Most favored options (C+D)
if decommission offered tomorrow could be facilitated.
Will now work on proposals
to develop schemes

ASAP
Timeframe
consultation
throughout

Government
During negotiations - hand over of weapons
recognise need for progress political
development

Proposal
- Road may be decommissioning

Para 19
Indicates number of different methods for destruction.

Alliance - broadly acceptable.
Labour -

- Deal raised following points
 - (i) welcomed report
 - (ii) Support experts as required
 - (iii) Confidence building must reflect political progress
 - (iv) Asked question on time frame.

PUP - Kelly.

Raised Irish Times Article Sept 22/11.

Indicated leak from talks badly put people's lives at risk.

Create confidence to all people to be of a mind to create confidence.
SF

Decommissioning part of wider issue of de-militarization.

Must happen in context of lasting settlement
Targeting by loyalist paramilitaries continues

Security continue to response to July Ceasefire by Brit Gov
S. Amagh towers refurbishment of bases

These actions do bring people who have guns to a mind to decommission

Confirmed commitment to take guns out of Irish politics

Widening of remit
Arming of UOA + UVF,
by British Intelligence.

'Brian Nelson role'
Shipments of arms by 1989
South African guns.

Publish Stevenson's enquiry +
release to sub-committee.

* Bully - strong response
Charming attacks
- City Hall bomb - Personal security

Sean Finnan - SDCP

Repeat adheres to principles
of remit
People arguing for different
need to practice their argument

Decommissioning main confidence building
message

- Trust that cooperation + consultation of all
parties will continue so scheme develops

UDP - Gary McMichael

- Welcome report.

Can't force decommissioning. Can only use influence.

- Illegal arms only
not about arms of 'state forces'
Must remain within working remit of Commission

Assumptions: - loyalists + Unionists will not disarm while threat continues from Republicans

'loyalist' - no first strike.
absence of confidence in loyalist community of removal of republican threat.

UUP - Jeffrey Donaldson.

Where was clear commitment of parties present to decommissioning.
quoted 1994 Report

Decommissioning independent part of process.

Parties profound disappointment in report. To slow, no schemes.
No legislation from 3 Government
& no answer
Strung along - no commitment to free
republican decommissioning

- What to know Governments business for legislation.

- Roadmap not sufficient
Need serious progress will make
Governments but indicators,

Tina to listen to Sinn Fein.

Have no confidence in SF.

Only when have confidence w/
UUP engaging w/ SF.

Francie Molly
Cony Ann Donaldson in engaging
body P. it couldn't
happen elsewhere.

In response to Billy H.
Not here to challenge here
to get level playing field
But agent responsible for
arming loyalists - all issues
must be on table
When were Breen Nelson weapons
legal / illegal only British
intelligence can say.

Missing people SF on record
info should be released families
Saboteurs relevant authorities

Build trust by getting through

views expansion etc.
Demilitarization is aspect from
Republican Nationalist Community.
What 'confidence building'
to encourage hand over of
Republic weapons'

Jeffery Randallson

● Enquiry into arming of IRA
by Irish Government
Ministers in early 70

all for opening it up
might get some surprising
revelations

● But Government
Refuse: allegation against intelligence
agencies
working toward legislation.

Irish Government
Intend to press ahead.

Gen de Chastelain:
Commission has not been in contact
with paramilitary groups

Ambassador Johnston
Irrelevant source not here to
write history. here to make
history by destroying weapon

Things to check

Reasons for SF strategy
in raising 'source'