

DRAFT STATEMENT:

There were further talks today between the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Alliance Party, the SDLP and the Ulster Unionist Party. There was a full and constructive discussion on detention and each delegation put forward its views. The Secretary of State gave an account of the existing detention arrangements and of the security situation. The Secretary of State undertook to give full consideration to the points made.

Talks will continue tomorrow evening. There will be a further meeting, lasting all day, on Monday, 5 November. At both these meetings the main subject for discussion will be a Council of Ireland.

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INTER-PARTY TALKS

The talks between the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the Alliance Party, the SDLP and the Ulster Unionist Party were resumed today.

~~The Secretary of State made a statement about the steps he had taken, including the proscription of the UFF and the Red Hand Commando, to deal with the increase in violence during the past few days.~~

There was further discussion on a Council of Ireland and a frank, but helpful, exchange of views on the composition of an Executive.

The Secretary of State undertook to consider the views expressed. There will be further discussions tomorrow with the leaders of each Party *preparatory to*
for the discussions.

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Talks continued today between the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Alliance Party, the SDLP, and the Ulster Unionist Party, when there was a preliminary discussion of machinery of government in Northern Ireland.

The parties examined the present departmental structure and sphere of responsibilities. There was broad agreement on the approach to departmental organisation in the event of the formation of an Executive.

*Programme
of economic specifications.*

The agreed ~~draft~~ programme on economic matters was signed by all members of the delegations. The programme will be published later.

The talks will continue on Monday, 12 November.