

15 May 1991

Went up to Stormont at 9.15am to present our position on ultimatum. 10 am unionists went in and had a one hour meeting with SOS. I then saw him (followed by JH). I expressed very real anger about the outcome and handling. He tried to mollify me, but I stuck to my position. Gave formal positive response to his paper of 14 May.

Talked to JH before he went in. He is also angry but calmer than yesterday.

I send letter to PM by fax.

SOS, Dr BM, & JC went to 10 Downing Street. Unionists had refused ultimatum, then after meeting accepted it 'in principle' while criticizing the concept of an independent chairman and querying standing orders for same, and leaving open venue in Northern Ireland.

We refused to comment.

Seamus C rang. Paul M went on Counterpoint, everything was confused but probably survivable, just.