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Richard Holme did excellent interview on GMU. SDLP and Alliance have refused to comment.

Contacted by Danny McNeill. SOS will clarify in written form with the unionists what precisely if their position re. the document.

We will then have a meeting with SOS directly or by video-link.

JH contacted me. I rang back and confirmed that our position is 'no comment', until we see the position of the unionists on paper. He feels that they are trying to renege on everything, but he will not blow it publicly, it is for SOS to do that.

By evening we still have no document. It is in London, but has not arrived with me.

During the day DMCN has been in touch a number of times to say that a document is coming, but in fact it never did. In the evening the SOS rang to say that he had sent it to the unionists last night but they had refused to indicate that they accepted its accuracy as an account of the understandings reached with the PM. He has now written to them to indicate that if this is the position then the talks are at an end.

Called SC to let him know. We will await the am and review.