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RECORD OF A PLENARY MEETING HELD AT PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON THE AFTERNOON OF 20 MAY 1992

Those present:

Government Team	Alliance Party	UUP
Secretary of State Mr Hanley Mr Fell Mr Thomas	Dr Alderdice Mr Morrow Mr Close	Mr Cunningham Mr Donaldson Mr Empey
Mr Bell Mr D Hill Mr Maccabe	Mrs Bell Mr McBride	Mr Allen Rev Smyth Mrs Bradford Dr McGimpsey
Talks Secretariat	SDLP	UDUP
Mr Brooker Mr Priestly Also Present	Mr Hume Mr Mallon Mr Haughey	Dr Paisley Mr Robinson Mr Vitty
Mr Fittall Mr Smith	Mr Farren Mr Feeley Mr Gallagher Mr Maginness Mrs Rodgers	Mr Dodds Mr Campbell Miss Paisley

The meeting began at 14.15 and ended at 14.35.

- 2. The <u>Government Team</u> thanked all concerned for the constructive and admirable way in which the debate on the parties proposals for institutional structures had been conducted.
- 3. The Government Team said that the best way forward might be for the four party leaders to meet the Secretary of State and Mr Hanley after Questions on 21 May in the Palace of Westminster. This was agreed by the party delegations, with the caveat that Dr Alderdice who was unavailable would be represented by Mr Morrow.
- 4. The Government Team proposed that the next plenary session should take place on Tuesday 26 May at 10.30 am. The purpose of the meeting would be to take stock of progress and consider the way forward. The Government Team said that if the party delegations felt it would be advantageous for informal bilateral contacts to take place between the parties during the interval, they would encourage that.

IN CONFIDENCE

- 5. The Government Team read out a short draft press statement for consideration. The draft was agreed by the party delegations without amendment (copy attached).
- 6. The <u>DUP delegation</u> asked when the minutes of the plenary meetings would be available. The <u>Government Team</u> said that arrangements had been made to have the minutes produced and circulated within 24 hours.
- 7. Following agreement that there was no further business for discussion, the <u>Government Team</u> thanked the party delegations and the meeting adjourned.

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