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When you last met with Dan McGuinness and myself, we agreed that it would be most fruitful to arrange a formal meeting with yourself and a delegation from the Party to discuss possibilities for political progress, at a point when we in the Party had given further formal consideration to the matter.

I had set up at that time, a panel of senior figures from the Party including Gordon Mawhinney, (Deputy Leader) Dan McGuinness, (Chairman) Dr. Patrick Bell, (Policy Convenor) and Paul Maguire (an experienced Constitutional Lawyer). This panel has now met on a number of occasions with myself, and although there is still work to be done to develop further our formal proposals, we feel at a point where a meeting with yourself would enable us to put to you our views about the process for political progress, and to clarify, with you, your own views of the parameters within which this must be found. I would therefore look to the possibility of a relatively early formal meeting of this kind.

Mr. Stanley kindly briefed me recently on the last Anglo Irish Conference. I understand that there will be a further Conference tomorrow, and would request an early post-Conference briefing from yourself at this especially crucial and fluid time.

Best wishes.

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PARTY LEADER