

ALLIANCE PARTY OF NORTHERN IRELAND

PS91.14 MINUTES OF POLITICAL STRATEGY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 1 MAY 1991 IN PARTY HEADQUARTERS AT 1.00
P.M.

PRESENT: John Alderdice, Stewart Dickson, Steve McBride,
Ciaran McAteer, Seamus Close, Eileen Bell, John
Campbell, Philip McGarry, Sean Neeson, Mervyn Jones,
David Ford.

TALKS

John Alderdice, Seamus Close, Sean Neeson met Secretary of
State yesterday.

Party leader emphasised the absolute necessity for total
security, with no discussions outside the context of our
meetings at Stormont and Headquarters. Telephones should not
be regarded as secure. Alliance in particular is vulnerable to
allegations of leaks. Errors on the side of bookkeeping matters
too 'tight' could be remedied, but not the reverse.

Party leader is hoping to increase frequency of Executive
meetings, to probably two per month. Normal Strategy meetings
will not be held on Wednesdays, but Strategy will meet at close
of business each day.

Meetings of team, advisors and Strategy Committee, will
generally be held at Stormont, with documentation held there.
Negotiating team is to meet at weekend.

Party leader outlined arrangements for meetings of Strands 1
and 2, and the membership of the various back-up groups and
admin. staff group.