

I N C O N F I D E N C E

RECORD OF A BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT TEAM AND
THE ALLIANCE PARTY, HELD IN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON WEDNESDAY
5 JUNE 1991

Government Team

Secretary of State
Minister of State
Mr Fell
Mr Pilling
Mr Thomas
Mr McNeill

Alliance Party

Dr Alderdice
Mr Close
Mr Neeson

Talks Secretariat

Mr D J R Hill
Mr Marsh

In attendance

Mr Pawson

The meeting began at 12.05 pm and ended at 12.10. It had before it the document entitled "Procedural Guidelines for the Conduct of Strand Two" which had been circulated beforehand.

2. The Alliance Party confirmed that they were content with the document.

3. The following other points were noted:-

- (i) the Irish Government and the Unionists were also content with it;
- (ii) the possibility of moving to plenaries could not be considered until the SDLP had agreed it;
- (iii) an independent Chairman for the second strand was still being sought and the Unionists had demonstrated their good faith by submitting 23 potential names; and
- (iv) there would probably be a need to intensify the talks process.