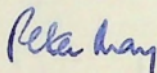


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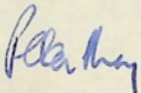
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SUMMARY RECORD OF A PLENARY SESSION HELD AT PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
ON 11 MAY 1992

Government Team

Secretary of State
Mr Hanley
PUS
Mr Fell
Mr Thomas
Mr Bell
Mr D Hill
Mr Maccabe

Alliance Party

Dr Alderdice
Mr Neeson
Mr Morrow

Mr McBride
Mr Ford
Mrs Bell
Mr Dickson

UUP

Mr Molyneaux
Mr Empey
Mr Cunningham

Rev Smyth
Mr Allen
Mr Bradford
Mr McGimpsey

Talks Secretariat

Mr Brooker
Mr May

SDLP

Mr Hume
Mr Mallon
Mr McGrady

UDUP

Dr Paisley
Rev McCrea
Mr Vitty

Also Present

Mr Fittall
Mr Smith

Mr Haughey
Mr Hendron
Mr Farren
Mr Gallagher

Mr Campbell
Mr Dodds
Mr McClure
Miss R Paisley

The meeting began at 10.33am and ended at 10.45am. The papers produced by each party on new political structures had been circulated half-an-hour prior to the start of the meeting.

2. The Government Team said it had been gratified to see the amount of progress made in the previous week, and the spirit and business-like manner in which that had been achieved. Clearly there were many difficult issues still to be addressed, and it might be beneficial if all the Parties considered each others' papers fully before offering comment. The Government Team then reported back on the Sub-Committee meeting of 7 May held to discuss the question of identities. The meeting had been wide-ranging and informative and a brief summary of the conclusions reached had been circulated (Ref: SC/1).

3. The Government Team, recalling the previously agreed intention that all parties should make an oral presentation prior to remitting work on the political structures papers to a Sub-Committee, asked

whether the parties were content to omit the oral presentations and move straightaway to their own party groupings for discussion of the other parties' papers, prior to sub-committee meetings on Tuesday. The parties agreed with this recommendation, although the SDLP delegation said a longer time to consider the papers might be preferable. The Alliance Party delegation reaffirmed that Sub-Committees were not decision-taking bodies, but the forum in which common ground could be maximised, and issues discussed. It was for the Plenary Session to take decisions, and issues which could not easily be resolved would need to be debated in that forum. The Alliance Party delegation also stressed the importance they placed on the confidentiality agreement all parties had agreed to.

4. The Government Team thanked the parties for their agreement, and proposed that the Sub-Committee hold its first meeting on Tuesday 12 May at 10.30am. Further meetings would be held on Wednesday and the Sub-Committee would report its findings to the next plenary meeting to be held on Friday 15 May starting at 10.30am. The parties agreed the short press statement prepared by the Government Team.

Talks Secretariat