

Meeting of 2 leaders from each party. 2. vii. 92.

Am managed by the level of people seen -

Geo Mitchell:

- 1) Set out the <sup>key compromise</sup> issues [agree it]
- 2) Deal with things in this smaller group. [members have to be "led"]
- 3) Come out at the end with a process to address issues in January [might have advisory sub-groups]
- 4) Deal with issues across stands as well as within stands.

SF says - it has to be real. Continuing on about "getting into real negotiations" and "the UUP".

[they are into working tactics] by attacking UUP they are trying to provide a reaction [passive aggressive or provocative?]

UUP

- yes but room for bilateral's
- Structure - focus on the issues.
- Plenary again on 15<sup>th</sup> Dec week.

3.40.

3.00.

2.30. / 2.40.



Frustration.

within bilateral

Key issues to be resolved  
+ mode of procedure  
to achieve resolution.

2 from each party,  
also bilateral.

Adjourn to Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. - call of the  
Chair.

? ~ 1 pm.

2.30pm Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
 10.30a Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
 10.30a Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
 10.30a Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

→ Plenary Monday 15<sup>th</sup>.

(Structural issues:  
 policy issues)

Given our list - need to look at

- ① Structuring (of agenda)
- ② Simplifying (not repetitions)
- ③ Structuring of discussions
- ④ Cross-stand possibilities

SF - "Basically sound"

? put in other arrangements at the end of the first key sentences in Stand ①.

Issue of an Assembly

- SDP says "nature & principle ..."

Key Areas - (no) - Key Issues.

Identifying

## Key Issues

The following is a summary of the key issues as submitted by some of the participants (not listed in any order of priority):

### Strand One

- new arrangements in Northern Ireland - An Assembly, its purpose, composition, functions, responsibilities, relations with other institutions including GB, checks and balances, safeguards
- confidence issues - policing arrangements, demilitarisation, prisoners.

and other  
(Government)  
arrangements

### Strand Two

- new North/South arrangements - purpose, composition, powers, functions, responsibilities; relations with other institutions.

### Strand Three

- new intergovernmental and other arrangements within these islands - purpose, composition, functions and responsibilities.

### Constitutional Issues

- the principle of consent
- sovereignty
- Articles 2 and 3 of the Irish Constitution
- British constitutional legislation

### Rights and Safeguards

- protection of human, civil, and cultural rights; equality; justice.

### Other

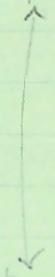
- validation of agreement.
  - consent
  - referendum
  - parliamentary passage.

SF - remove Assembly / Articles 2+3 / add amendments i. ①.

UDF - Put confidence issues into separate category.

WC - 1st Party separate set

SDLP - precision // mainly  
stands confuses  
confidence - building not stand ①.  
peace + justice under rights + safeguards.



Agreed to go through line by line —