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Alliance Leader meets Clinton amidst busy round of Washington meetings

The Alliance Leader Lord Alderdice has had a hectic round of engagements in Washington today.

The day began with a meeting with the British Ambassador, Sir Christopher Meyer, followed by the Speaker's Lunch at Capitol Hill. In the early afternoon he met with the National Security Advisor and Deputy National Security Advisor at the White House.

Following a meeting with senior officials at the State Department he was due to meet with the President, in advance of this evening's reception at the White House. Speaking before the meeting with the President Lord Alderdice said:

"I will be impressing on the President how crucial it is that he use his good relations with the two governments and all the parties in the weeks ahead, to push them towards compromise and the Alliance agenda, which is clearly where any agreement will lie."

Following the White House reception he will meet with the Irish Ambassador at a reception later this evening.

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