

Michael Ancram's Paragraph for Jim Molyneux

Fully understand the pressures you are under at present. Very grateful for help given in making JD more acceptable as text. Appreciate that acquiescence/non-expostulation will be difficult, but worth it as part of a significant chance for peace. Select Committee now imminent and hope this will help. Understand your concerns about democratic deficit within Northern Ireland and the importance of working to achieve democratic institutions to fill it. While accepting that any such must be part of an overall settlement involving all 3 Strands, share your view that useful emphasis can immediately be put on Strand 1 and am looking forward to receiving your blueprint as important part of the discussions as to how this element can be advanced.

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JOINT DECLARATION INITIATIVE - HANDLING PLAN

The note circulated earlier today by Mr Thomas covering a draft minute for the Secretary of State to send to the Prime Minister promised a handling plan at Annex B.

I attach a draft.

Signed:

A C BRYSON
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8 DECEMBER 1993