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cc Mr Molyneux

(attachment by FAX)

Mr D J R Hill - B

TALKS ISSUES: LETTERS FROM DR PAISLEY AND MR MOLYNEAUX

I attach 3 separate letters signed jointly by Dr Paisley and Mr Molyneux on various Talks issues - the proposal that Lord Carrington should chair Strand Two, the Secretary of State's meeting with Mr Hume on 30 May and arrangements for agendas and papers. You will see that all 3 letters are dated 15 June but that they were not received in the office here until this afternoon.

2. I should be grateful for a composite reply. I expect that the Secretary of State will wish to respond quickly, but I am not stipulating a deadline. You and others will wish no doubt to confer and possibly to discuss with the Secretary of State at the first opportunity on Monday before the draft is finalised.

Signed

DAVID FERGUSON
Private Secretary

PM/SOFS/6394

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S MINISTERS CASE

Reference : SOS/00139/91

Raised By : REV DR I PAISLEY MP MEP & RT HON JAMES MOLYNEAUX MP

Subject : THE OFFICIAL TALKS VENUE

ACTION REQUIRED

1. Please provide advice and draft reply for Secretary of State's signature no later than 25/06/1991.

2. Draft reply to be provided by :

1. MR D J R HILL, CPL

3. Reply to be co-ordinated with MR D J R HILL, CPL.

4. Circulated to :-

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MR D J R HILL, CPL

20/06/1991



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

15th June, 1991.

Dear Secretary of State,

As you are aware both Unionist delegations have been represented at Stormont for each day of the Talks so far and have been available for meetings with your team as and when necessary.

By contrast the S.D.L.P. have, since 14th May, absented themselves from the Talks venue.

We wish to register our protest at your decision to hold a meeting on 30th May with the Leader of the S.D.L.P. about issues arising out of the Talks process at a venue outside Parliament Buildings, Stormont, which we believe was Belfast International Airport. All such meetings should take place at the official talks venue and we look forward to your confirmation that this will be the case from now on.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Ian R. K. Paisley

Dr. Ian R. K. Paisley M.P. M.E.P.

Rt. Hon James Molyneaux

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S MINISTERS CASE

Reference : SOS/00140/91

Raised By : REV DR I PAISLEY MP MEP &

Subject : AGENDA FOR NORTHERN IRELAND TALKS

ACTION REQUIRED

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15th June, 1991.

Dear Secretary of State,

On a number of occasions we have emphasised to you the importance which we attach to having the matters to be dealt with in the present talks resolved expeditiously.

We feel that one step which would greatly help this process would be for your Office to provide an agenda and any relevant papers for meetings in advance of the meetings being held.

We also believe it would be fairer to know in advance the issues you wish to discuss with us rather than receiving them cold in a meeting.

We trust you can accept this and that it will become practice immediately.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Ian R. K. Paisley M.P. M.E.P.

Rt. Hon. James Molyneaux M.P.

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S MINISTERS CASE

Reference : SOS/00138/91
Raised By : REV DR I PAISLEY MP MEP & Rt HON JAMES MOLYNEAUX MP
Subject : THE CHAIRMAN OF STRAND 2 OF THE TALKS

ACTION REQUIRED

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LONDON SW1A 0AA

15th June, 1991.

Dear Secretary of State,

At our meeting on 29th May you suggested Lord Carrington as Chairman of Strand 2 of the Talks. It was agreed that since this proposal was unacceptable to us, Lord Carrington's name was no longer "on the table" and that both sides should not, in fairness to Lord Carrington, reveal that his name had been put forward.

As agreed we observed absolute confidentiality on this matter. However, we were extremely concerned to learn that within a very short time, Lord Carrington's name was leaked to the press.

We are writing to ask whether you have yet initiated an investigation into reports that this information was leaked by an official from your side. If you have not, we urge you to launch such an investigation forthwith. We expect that in due course we will be informed about any disciplinary action which may be taken against the relevant official.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Ian R. K. Paisley M.P. M.E.P.

Rt. Hon. James Molyneaux M.P.