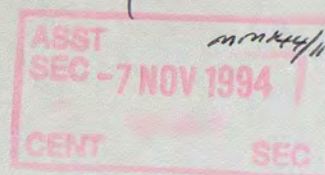


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Mr Thomas - B
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Mr Williams - B
Mr Stephens - B
Mr Brooker - B
Mr Dodds - B
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Mr Smyth - B
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Mr Maxwell - B
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LIAISON GROUP: LONDON, 1 NOVEMBER

Michael Ancram has seen Mr Williams' note of 2 November to Mr Thomas attaching a record of the Liaison Group meeting on 1 November. The Minister has commented that this all looks quite promising - alongside the Minister's meeting with the UUP it suggests that if we can get the language right and the concepts of what it means clear so far as Strand II is concerned, we may have the makings of something which could be agreed. The differences, while by no means small, are in the Minister's view becoming more bridgeable, but they do suggest that the process must not be rushed at this time and that more ground work must be done politically with both sides before we begin to go firm.

Signed

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