

1. cc in Canavan
in Harrell

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m: Tony Beeton
XDS
15 November 1994

2. Mrs Brown

1. cd. you pt. act as
Coordinator in producing
ppr ①, ② + ③.

2. M. clarify with XDS
whether we need P, B + N
type notes on each.

3. for ①, what topics?
Fair employment, inward
investment, housing, ? help
(RWH), Irish schooling,

MPs, third policy. Anything
else? ~~it~~

4. Happy to discuss with
you & to convene a
mtg. if you wish.

- Mr Watkins - B
- Mr Wood (L&B) - B
- Director, TFU
- Mr Brooker - B
- Mrs Collins
- Mr Maccabe - B
- Mr Marsh - B
- Mr Williams - B
- Mr Perry - B
- Dr Power - B
- Mr White - B
- Mr Bramley

- cc: PS/PUS (L&B) - B
- PS/Mr Fell - B
- Mr Legge - B
- Mr Thomas - B
- Mr Bell - B
- Mr Daniell - B
- Mr Stephens
- PS/Secretary of State
(personal)

EXPLORATORY DIALOGUE - CALL FOR PAPERS

This note commissions preparatory work for exploratory dialogue. Although we do not yet have a definite date for the opening of XD (nor of LXD) my planning assumption is that we shall need to be ready in three weeks time. I should like therefore to set a final deadline for papers at noon on Tuesday 6 December.

2. We shall need papers in three broad categories -

- Position papers (P series): the purpose of these papers is to provide the British team with a clear exposition of policy on any given issue, together with argument on tactical options to be followed during the dialogue itself.

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- Briefing notes (B series): these should provide the British team with all the necessary background and factual information on topics which are likely to arise, and lines to take in either introducing them ourselves or responding to Sinn Fein.

- Draft notes for handing over (N series): these would be statements of the Government's position for handing to Sinn Fein (and potentially for publication) either as a contribution to negotiation or for purposes of clarification or simply to register a point on the record.
- Draft agreements (A series): texts which we would be ready to table as drafts from the British side for joint agreement.

Not every subject will require an initial contribution in each of these series and I shall be grateful if recipients could make a judgement on what is appropriate in consultation with XD as necessary.

3. The list in Annex B of the Plan for Explanatory Dialogue circulated (not to all) under cover of my submission to PS/SofS earlier today provides a guide to the spread of topics we shall need to cover. Specifically I should like to commission papers under the following headings:

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| Mr Watkins: | ① identifying economic and social issues |
| | ② Government relations with Sinn Fein (with Mr Brooker) |
| | ③ Identity issues |
| Mr Wood | PR strategy |
| Director, TFU | Racketeering |
| Mr Brooker | interaction with JFD (with Mr Stephens)
Managing the entry to talks |
| | Government relations with Sinn Fein (with Mr Watkins) |

Mrs Collins	Policing Other practical consequences of the ending of violence
Mr Maccabe	Loyalists Attitudes of other political parties
Mr Marsh	Emergency legislation (with Mr Bramley)
Mr Perry	Arms Force levels Punishment beatings
Dr Power	Criminal justice system
Mr White	Prisoners

4. Please contact me if there are other topics which you feel need to be included - a collective exercise of the imagination is essential. Should anyone wish to discuss their commission further I am available, or we can organise a session in COG(D) to address specific problems or consider early drafts.

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