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Forum for Peace and Reconciliation

Layout/Order of Speakers for Inaugural Meeting

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1. I attach a rough (very rough!) sketch of the proposed layout for the Inaugural Meeting of the Forum on Friday. This envisages the full members seated at a crescent-shaped table along the right-hand side of Patrick's Hall, with the alternates seated behind. The invited guests would be seated along the left hand side of the hall (obviously facing the Forum).
2. In terms of the order of play, the following is proposed:
 - 10.15 (Onwards) The Forum (members and alternates) congregate in the Throne Room (behind Patrick's Hall), with tea and coffee being served. It was felt that this might be a useful ice-breaker before the formal proceedings began. If the Tanaiste could be there at around 10.30 or so, that would be very helpful.
 - 10.45 The invited guests to be in their seats in Patrick's Hall.
 - 10.55 The Forum members and alternates proceed from Throne Room to Patrick's Hall
 - 11.00 Forum begins (see para 3 re proposed order of speakers)
 - 13.00 Meeting ends and members/alternates and guests proceed to Conference Centre in Castle for lunch (there will be a reserved top table for party leaders and Chairperson - otherwise seating free).
3. The following is the proposed order of speakers as it stands at present:

Chairperson or Taoiseach
Mr Hume
Deputy Bruton
Mr Adams
Deputy Harney
Dr Alderdice
Deputy de Rossa
Deputy Sargent
Independent speaker
Mr Lowry (Workers Party)

Senator Wilson
Tanaiste

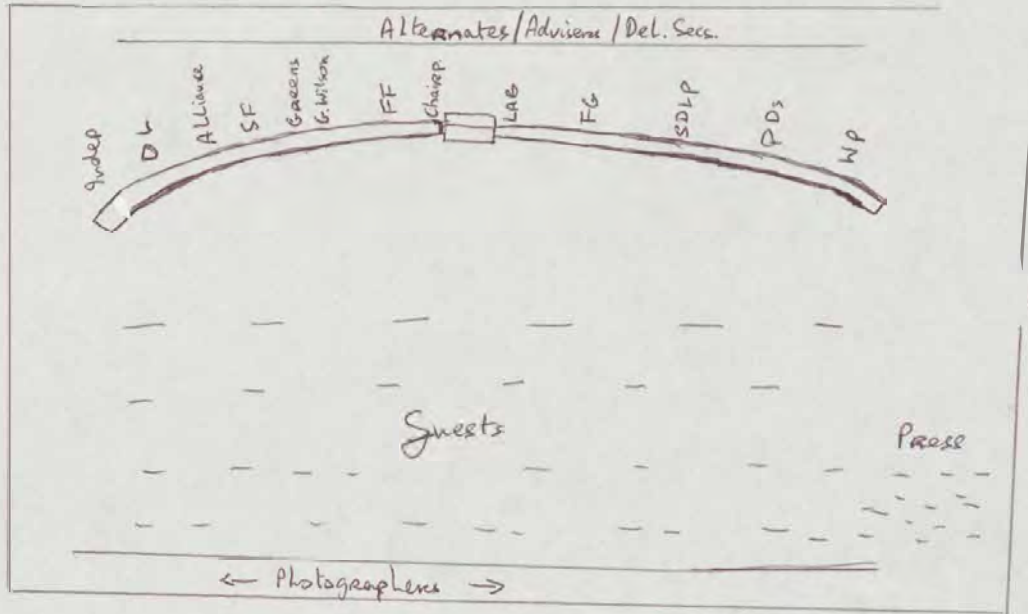
4. This proposed order of running takes account of delegation size and the desirability of alternating Northern and Southern parties. It envisages Mr Adams speaking before Dr Alderdice (although they have the same number of delegates) on the basis that Sinn Fein had conceded the point on parity of numbers. As you suggested, the Tanaiste would wrap up the list of speakers. One slight difficulty that occurred to me subsequently about that is that the Danish Foreign Minister may have already left by the time the Tanaiste speaks (Protocol say that his next engagement at the IEA may require him to leave at about 12.40). Perhaps you may wish to discuss this - and other aspects of the proposal - with the Tanaiste.
5. We understand that RTE propose to televise the meeting live.
6. We propose to meet with party representatives in Dublin Castle tomorrow morning at 11.30 to go over the ground for Friday's session.
7. Grateful for your obs on the above please.

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T O' Connor
25 October 1994

cc A/Sec O hUiginn (o/r)
Mr Finlay (o/r)

Throne Room



PATRICK'S HALL