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COMBINED LOYALIST MILITARY COMMAND BELFAST 8 SEPTEMBER 1994

THE COMBINED LOYALIST MILITARY COMMAND, AFTER SERIOUS INDEPTH ANALYSIS IN RELATION TO THE IRA CEASEFIRE, LIST BELOW A SERIES OF POINTS WHICH IF SUITABLY ADDRESSED COULD ALLOW THE LOYALIST PARAMILITARY GROUPS TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS PEACE:

- WE HAVE YET TO ASCERTAIN THE BONA-FIDES OF THE PERMANENCE OF THE IRA 'CEASEFIRE'.
- 2. THE INTENT OF THE INLA HAS YET TO BE ESTABLISHED.
- 3. TO BE CONVINCED THAT NO SECRET DEALS HAVE BEEN CONCOCTED BETWEEN HMG AND THE IRA.
- 4. THAT OUR CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION AS A PARTNER WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM IS ASSURED.
- 5. TO ASSESS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE JOINT GOVERNMENTAL 'FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT' AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO

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'CHANGE' OR 'EROSION' WITHIN NORTHERN IRELAND TO FACILITATE THE ILLUSION OF AN IRA VICTORY. CHANGE IF ANY CAN ONLY BE HONOURABLE AFTER DIALOGUE AND AGREEMENT.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PATIENCE IS SHOWN TO THIS BODY GIVEN THE GRAVITY OF THE DEBATE REQUIRED.