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~~John Murnan~~ 11/12
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 that real creativity and lateral thinking will be needed.
 Conventional thinking cannot solve this problem.
 - I need response to the request of 4/12
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Mr. Gillin
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DATE: 4 December 1995

TO: David Cooney
 Anglo/Irish

FROM: Ambassador

DECOMMISSIONING

1. General de Chastelaine phoned me at home yesterday afternoon. He said that he wished to convey his gratitude to the Irish Government for the confidence which it had reposed in him. I said that the Taoiseach, when he was here in September, had remarked on how well equipped Canada was to provide a member of the Commission. We were glad it had worked out and we were grateful to P.M. Chretien for releasing him and making him available.
2. de Chastelaine said that he knew Mitchell from his time as Ambassador in Washington; and he had been unable to persuade him on some trade matters. He had not met Holkeri. He will be going to Washington later this week for a meeting with the US Chief of Staff about the supply of troops for Bosnia. On Saturday next, Mitchell has arranged an informal get-together of the three members of the Commission in New York. Mitchell wants to hold the first normal meeting of the Commission on Friday, 15 December.

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3. de Chastelaine suggested he and I should meet in the next few days. I said that the High Commissioner, Sir Nicholas Bayne, had suggested that both of us should meet with him jointly. He replied that Sir Nicholas had indeed mentioned this to him but that he had wanted to leave the initiative to me. I said I felt it was the correct way to proceed. It was agreed that his personal assistant will phone around to arrange a mutually convenient time at an early date.

4. Would appreciate briefing soonest on any particular points that you would like me to make. Possible talking points, if you wished me to cover them, might include:

- the objectives of the Commission and the background to its establishment, including our view of the practicality of seeking a surrender of arms before the talks commence.
- with the preparatory talks process;
- the practical arrangements we would propose to make in regard to accommodation etc., and any ideas he might have in that regard.
- security arrangements
- the reception which the establishment of the Commission has received in Ireland and the prospects for cooperation on the part of all parties.
- any personal message from the Taoiseach or the Tánaiste.

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