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CONCLUSIONS of Morning Meeting
held at Stormont Castle on
Monday, 26 June
at 11 30 am

PRESENT

30 The Rt Hon William Whitelaw MP
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

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| 1 Lord Windlesham | 13 The GOC |
| 2 Mr Paul Channon MP | 14 Deputy Chief Constable |
| 3 Sir William Nield | 15 Mr T C Platt |
| 4 Sir David Holden | 16 Mr R M Whalley |
| 5 Sir Harold Black | |
| 6 Mr N Cairncross | |
| 7 Mr P J Woodfield | |
| 8 Mr K P Bloomfield | |
| 9 Mr J T A Howard-Drake | |
| 10 Mr K D McDowall | |
| 11 Mr H F T Smith | |
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1. PROVISIONAL IRA CEASEFIRE

The Secretary of State foresaw the next few days as a time of great anxiety when every incident and every rumour could lead to a disruption of the peace which he hoped would follow the Provisional IRA ceasefire due to begin at midnight on that day. Lord Windlesham stressed that it would be in the interests of all concerned for the IRA to disclose the whereabouts of booby-traps etc so that the Army could render them harmless as otherwise their accidental explosion after the ceasefire could be construed as a breach of faith.

The Secretary of State denied rumours that any part of the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Act or the Regulations made thereunder had been or were to be repealed and Mr McDowall's staff were to take the necessary action to deal with those rumours. It was still the Secretary of State's intention that ~~persons seen to or suspected of committing offences under the Special Powers Act were to be apprehended~~ ^{any breach of the criminal law would ~~not~~ result in prosecution} and he wished his officials to obtain the necessary legal guidance so that the GOC and the Chief Constable could issue appropriate instructions.

The Secretary of State did not propose to give a Press Conference in relation to the ceasefire and would talk to the GOC about his wish to stage a Conference himself.

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Distribution:

Those present _____ *Mr David Howell MR*

17 Mr J B McAllister
18 Mr S C Jackson
19 Mr F R Rodgers
20 Mr R J S Wilson
21 Miss Joan Owens
22 Mr T M Roberts
23 Mr W J Smith, NI Office, London
24 Mr R J Seaman, NI Office, London
25 Mr R C Stevens, NI Office, London
26 Mr T C Hetherington, AG's Department, London
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28 Mr R. Haugh
29 Miss B M. Peters

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