POSSIBLE LINE OF APPROACH TO MEETINGS WITH SDLP/UUUC - 1.9.75

A. UUUC

1. The meeting should be short (1 hr) leading to another Tuesday/Wednesday and joint meetings Wednesday/Thursday.

2. Review private meetings - touch on broad possible areas of agreement, attitude of SDLP, request to SDLP for papers.

3. Interim solution - reflections on crisis government - possible guarantees for SDLP possible form of statute possible methods of implementation.

4. Check list - run through main options.

5. Committee system - Mr Blackburn's thoughts - to be discussed later.

6. U.S Presidential system - not much mileage in this but can be discussed if paper ready.

7. Arising out of (4), idea of total package - crisis government, voluntary coalition (non-statutory) + committees (statutory) + proportionality in appointments.

8. What about governor, second house, privy council?

9. Will Irish Dimension be an issue if coalition achieved?

10. Can they carry their parties?

11. Finish 3 pm.

B. SDLP

1. Again a short meeting - they are en route for Dublin.

2. Review private meetings - touch on broad possible areas of agreement.


4. Have they done their homework?
   (a) social/economic/security policy
   (b) form of power sharing

5. Check list - for possible options.