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REVIEW

1. Attached are copies of the letters from the parties about the Review, which David Cooke has kindly agreed to let me see, but please note the request to hold them fairly tightly. I have requested a copy of the Secretary of State's commissioning letter of 2 December, and will forward when received.
2. I have agreed with David Cooke that we will produce factual briefing papers on those issues identified as possible agenda items which fall on the devolved side, and, possibly, separate papers on issues where we might wish to offer some options for dealing with the issues. Interestingly, David thought that it would be some time before discussion at that level of detail might take place.
3. These papers might cover:

Strand One

Assembly

Designation

- ♦ Description and voting system
- ♦ Powers
- ♦ Operation
- ♦ Committees
- ♦ Committee of the Centre

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Executive

- ♦ Collectivity
- ♦ Ministerial accountability
- ♦ Pledge of office

Departments

- ♦ OFMDFM functions
- ♦ Number

Civic Forum

- ♦ Existence

RPA

- ♦ Scope

Strand Two

N/S Co-operation – formal and informal
N/S Implementation Bodies
N/S Civic Forum
N/S Parliamentary Forum (+ EW)

Strand Two/Three

Nomination procedures – NSMC and BIC

Strand Three

Relationships within the British Isles

Other

Equality Commission, equality

~~Visitors~~

Victims ?

(Prisoners ?)

Language, culture

Symbols and emblems

Government appointments

NTSN
CRC
Prisoners
Reconciliation

4. Perhaps we could discuss later in the week (I am boarding today), especially what if anything we might wish to produce beyond factual papers.

[Signed]

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