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MINUTES OF CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATIVES GROUP MEETING HELD, PARTY HEADQUARTERS, MONDAY 29 APRIL, 1991 AT 4 PM.

- 1.1 Attendance: Joe Hendron (Chair), John Hume, Sean Farren, Denis Haughey, Donovan McClelland, Dorita Field, Alban Maginness, Angela Hegarty, Seamus Mallon, Brid Rodgers, Tommy Gallagher, Frank Feeley and Eddie McGrady.
- 1.2 Apologies: Gerry Murphy, Mark Durkan, Gerardine Leonard and Alasdair McDonnell.
- 2.1 Minutes of the last meeting were adopted on the proposal of Sean Farren, seconded by Denis Haughey.
- 3.1 John Hume reported that the following day, 30th he, along with Seamus Mallon, Eddie McGrady and Joe Hendron would be meeting with Mr Brooke. The purpose being to present SDLP proposals for our agenda.
- 3.2 Two documents were then presented to the meeting:
 - (1) A proposed Agenda which would be presented to Mr Brooke tomorrow;
 - (2) A document which dealt with the SDLP analysis of the nature of the problem.
- 3.3 John Hume then reported on the last meeting held with the Taoiseach who had expressed a keen desire to work very closely with the SDLP during the Talks.
- 3.4 The agenda was duly amended following a proposal by Seamus Mallon, that we have a new point 4 which would deal with "requirements". Point 4 to read - "That each Party put forward political requirements arising from the agreed realities". Subsequent points to be duly renumbered.
- 3.5 Point 6B of the Agenda duly amended to remove 'agreed'. The Agenda was then agreed in its entirety by the Constituency Representatives grouping.
- 3.6 At this stage the document dealing with SDLP analysis of the nature of the problem which had been distributed to the meeting was discussed. John Hume stated that this document was based on the Forum Report and stated Party policy and had been drafted in conjunction with Dublin Government representatives.
- 3.7 The Party Leader suggested that anyone with amendments to this document should forward them to those responsible for drafting the document or alternatively to speak with either author Sean Farren or Denis Haughey.

- 3.8 A further paper dealing with principles/requirements was being worked upon and would be ready before the end of the week.
- 4.1 A further meeting was agreed upon for Tuesday 30th April, at 2.30 pm in Party Headquarters.
- 5.1 **Any Other Business:** Seamus Mallon referred to a letter which had been sent to Party Headquarters from the Police Authority for Northern Ireland on the issue of Community and Police Liaison Committees. This letter invited us to attend a conference on the topic on the 9th June 1991. It was agreed that this was ill timed and that the Deputy Leader Seamus Mallon would duly reply to the Authority. In the interim it was noted that some of our Councillors were attending Police Liaison Committees, in particular on Banbridge Council.
- 5.2 General Secretary to check with Banbridge and Dungannon Councillors.

These matters discussed the meeting concluded.