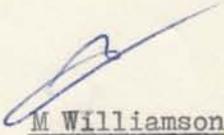


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LUNCH MEETING BETWEEN CHAIRMAN AND MR HARRY WEST -
1 PM MONDAY, 7 JULY 1975

PRESENT: Mr M Williamson (Private Secretary)

1. Mr West had arranged to lunch with the Chairman to put him in the picture as to inter-party activity during the Convention recess.
2. During a friendly one-hour session he made the following main points:-
 - (i) a UUUC team - Mr Craig, Capt Ardill, Mr Beattie - would meet the SDLP on 4/8/75 to seek to establish the ground then seen as possible "meeting points" towards an agreed solution;
 - (ii) results of this would be conveyed to UUUC at a Party Meeting on 5/8/75;
 - (iii) UUUC would seek to ensure that there was no early breakdown in inter-party discussions;
 - (iv) the Chairman would be kept apprised of developments;
 - (v) power-sharing at Cabinet level was 'out' so far as UUUC was concerned;
 - (vi) he was hopeful that the "Faulkner Scheme of Committees" might form the basis of agreement with 3 of 5 Committees going to opposition;
 - (vii) UUUC would not at any time allow itself to be pressurised by Westminster as had Brian Faulkner;
 - (viii) majority favoured the return of Governor or such figure.
3. The Chairman offered the assistance of his staff on background research on Committees. Mr West welcomed this and agreed to meet Dr Oliver later in the day to define his needs.
4. Mr West said he would be happy to have a further session with the Chairman towards the end of the month if this was thought helpful.


M Williamson

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