

Mr Wicks

The Speech

1. I am a little unhappy about the sentence (Mark 1A, para. 21) which says:

No mention was made in the minutes or conditions of the meeting of any decision to hold a further meeting.

2. It is true. But there is a general memory, not only in the secretariat (but general here) that the Prime Minister did say, at the very end of the meeting that the timetable would allow for another meeting before the deadline of 4 pm. on 13 December if a meeting was needed.

3. Could the sentence read:

It was noted that the timetable would allow for another meeting of Ministers before 4 pm. on 13 December, if such a meeting was needed; but

There was no decision to hold such
a meeting and ~~there was no~~
~~decision~~ no such decision
was recorded in the minutes or
conclusions of the meeting.

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