

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 4/9/98 7:43:57 PM
FROM Butler, Lawrence E.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT DRAFT NI TALKING POINTS AND TIC TOC [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Davies, Glyn T.
Dejban, Donna D.
Friedrich, Mary K.
Helweg, M. Diana
Kale, Dora A.
Kerrick, Donald L.
Malley, Robert
Millison, Cathy L.
Scott-Perez, Marilyn L.
Storey, Sharon V.

CARBON_COPY Bandler, Donald K.

TEXT_BODY For Jim's approval.

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT NIagreementtalkers.doc
NORTHERN IRELAND TALKING POINTS

Background: Irrespective of whether the parties reach agreement today ahead of Senator Mitchell's mid-night Thursday deadline, the President will stay engaged in supporting efforts to bring peace to Northern Ireland. If a deal is cut, the settlement will be vulnerable to the enemies of political compromise. U.S. support for an agreement and its implementation will be a key element in making peace stick. [If the parties do not close a deal today, our continued engagement becomes even more important. Many of the elements in Senator Mitchell's draft agreement can be implemented independently -- continuing progress towards eliminating the political, economic and social exclusion at the root of the conflict.]

* The President is pleased that the parties in Belfast reached

agreement today.

* The participants demonstrated real political courage, flexibility and leadership in choosing hope over fear.

* A door has opened for a better future for Northern Ireland. Another door has closed on the bloody chapter of the past three decades.

* Successful implementation will require extra effort, patience, understanding and perseverance on everyone's part.

* We will be letting the parties and the governments know that we will support this agreement any way we can. I am counting on your help with this.

* We will work with the governments and the communities to identify the ways we can be helpful.

* Now is the right time for concerned Americans to express their approval of this agreement, by offering congratulations and offer support, private and publicly.

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TO Butler, Lawrence E.

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 1998
12:56 PM
To: @PLANNING - Strat Plan & Comm; @NSA - Natl Security
Advisor; @PRESS - Public Affairs; @EUROPE - European Affairs
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TO DeRosa, Mary B.

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Sent: Wednesday,
August 06, 1997 9:17 AM

To: Luzzatto, Anne R.; Vershbow, Alexander
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Cc: @PRESS - Public Affairs; @EUROPE - European
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TO @PRESS: These are good to go in the guidance for today;
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press
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From: Vershbow, Alexander
R.

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NORTHERN IRELAND

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November British and Irish Governments announced the launching of the "twin track" approach for moving the peace process forward. Senator George Mitchell asked to head an International Body to look into weapons decommissioning while preliminary political consultations took place.

November 30 President visited Northern Ireland and Ireland. His visit and speeches galvanized popular support for peace.

December 6 Catherine Hamill and David Sterritt from Belfast helped the President light the National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse. The President had met the children at the Mackie Factory in Belfast during his trip in November.

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January International Body issued report concluding decommissioning not feasible, recommending parties adopt Mitchell Principles of non-violence. Prime Minister Major announced election as route to all-party talks.

February 9 Two people died and dozens injured in the Canary Wharf bombing that followed the IRA announcement that the cease-fire was over. Bombing campaign continued.

February 28 The two governments issued a joint communique setting June 10 as the date for all-party talks, in which Sinn Fein can participate provided the cease-fire is restored. Agreed an election would be held in Northern Ireland leading directly to the talks.

March Administration granted visa to Gerry Adams to hear support of Irish Americans for restoration of cease-fire. Undertook not to fundraise; not invited to White House St. Patrick's Day reception.

March 17 President meets Irish Prime Minister Bruton and hosts the St. Patrick's Day reception at the White House.

April British government introduced and passed legislation to hold election on May 30 to elect 110 representatives from whom parties' negotiators will be chosen. All 110 delegates constitute an elected forum, which has neither administrative nor legal powers.

October The President hosted the second White House Conference on Investment in Ireland, in Pittsburgh. IRA explodes a deadly car bomb on a British military based in Northern Ireland during conference.

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March 17 Vice President stood in for President Clinton to meet with Irish Prime Minister Bruton and host the St. Patrick's Day reception at the White House.

May ? President visited briefly with newly elected British Prime Minister Blair in London.

July 19 IRA cease-fire renewal announced. White House released President's statement welcoming this development.

August 29 Secretary of State for Northern Ireland announced that Britain found the IRA cease-fire genuine in word and deed.

September 3 Sandy Berger met Gerry Adams at the White House. Adams also engaged in fund raising in New York.

September 9 Secretaries of State and Justice decide to suspend deportation proceedings against certain individuals with IRA-related convictions.

September 15 Chairman Mitchell opens first session with Sinn Fein in the talks.

September 16 Massive car bomb in Martkethill wrecks business district, but no casualties. Blamed on the CIRA.

September 17 Unionists and Loyalists enter the talks, White House issued a statement welcoming this.

September 22 The President signed the determination to release \$19.6 million for the International Fund for Ireland, FY 97.

September 24 The President named James Lyons as the second his Special Advisor for economic initiatives in Ireland.

September 24 Sandy Berger met with Irish Foreign Minister Burke

October 7 President dropped in on Berger meeting with UUP delegation.

October 21 Sandy Berger met with UDP and PUP delegations.

October 30-31 First Lady visited Dublin and Belfast, gave speech in honor of Joyce McCartan at Waterfront Hall.

December 8 President and Sandy Berger met with John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic Liberal Party

December 15 President meets with Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern in the Oval Office

December 27 Splinter republicans murder leading Loyalist paramilitary leader Billy Wright. White House issued statement calling for calm. Tit-for-tat revenge killings claim a dozen lives in January.

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January 12 Irish and British governments released "heads of agreement" document to parties. White House welcomed in a statement.

January 29 Jim Steinberg briefed Irish American community leaders.

February 5 President hosted Prime Minister Blair for official visit, discussed Northern Ireland.

February 20 Sinn Fein suspended from talks due to killing of two persons by

IRA. White House issued statement.

February 26-7 Special Advisor Lyons held workshop in Belfast on community financing.

March 16-17 St. Patrick's Day -- the President met with five of the talks party leaders, met with the Irish Prime Minister, and hosted the evening reception at the White House. Sandy Berger and Jim Steinberg met with six of the party leaders and Mo Mowlam. First Lady met with Mo Mowlam and Women's Coalition delegation. Commerce Secretary Daley announced trade mission to Northern Ireland for June 8.

April 1 NSC chaired a meeting with Special Advisor Lyons to prepare for post-peace agreement initiatives.

April 5 The President called British Prime Minister Blair to discuss the NI peace process

April 7 The President called Irish Prime Minister Ahern to offer condolences on Ahern's mother's death and discuss the peace process

April 6-9 Jim Steinberg and Larry Butler stayed in regular contact with governments and parties regarding the talks.