

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON
BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: Nancy Soderberg
Kathy Stephens
Jonathan Sallet

FROM: Marilyn DiGiacobbe

DATE: April 18, 1995

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MEETING: Meeting with representatives of Americans for a New Irish Agenda.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, April 19, 1995
11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 472
Old Executive Office Building.

PARTICIPANTS: 17 representatives of Americans for a New Irish Agenda (ANIA). See list attached.

PURPOSE: To brief the group on overall U.S. policy toward Northern Ireland and U.S. initiatives to help forward the Irish peace process. In addition, to provide an opportunity for ANIA to raise concerns around specific issues.

BACKGROUND: This meeting was requested by Americans for a New Irish Agenda, an organization of Irish-Americans formed as an outgrowth of 1992's Irish-Americans for Clinton/Gore. It is a working council of individuals, some of whom are officers in major Irish-American organizations, highly representative of the New York Irish-American activist community. It's mission is to ensure the implementation of the President's 1992 pledges on Irish issues. Former Congressman Bruce Morrison is ANIA's Chairman and organizer.

ANIA has asked for this meeting for some time. Scheduling in addition to some more complex issues has kept us from doing the meeting until now. ANIA is interested in our policy to help forward the Irish peace process, particularly the economic initiatives. They will want to hear more about the upcoming Trade and Investment Conference and are

most concerned that the economic initiatives are targeting the areas of greatest need. In addition, they will raise the following specific issues:

- Current bill on IFI funding. If the bill survives, they would like the Administration to be in support of a rider attached to the bill which says that funding should fall under the McBride principals.
- Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) position on the McBride principals. ANIA is concerned that the SEC position is inconsistent with that of the President.
- General prisoner issues. ANIA has its own view and proposal on how such cases should be handled. They will present their view. (I have asked them not to get into specific cases.)

AGENDA:

Marilyn DiGiacobbe Welcome and Introduction

Nancy Soderberg Overview of the President's policy and work on behalf of Northern Ireland

Jonathan Sallet Overview of the Trade and Investment Conference. Remarks should focus on what we hope to accomplish. Note that they are most interested in making sure that investment is being targeted to the areas of greatest need

Open meeting up to Bruce Morrison to make comments on behalf of ANIA and lay forth specific issues of concern. Kathy Stephens will be available to respond to questions.

cc: Alexis Herman
Susan Brophy
Martha Pope
Jennifer O'Connor ✓

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List of Attendees

Patrick Clark
Brooklyn District Attorney Joe Hyanes Office
Brooklyn, NY

Mr. James Connell
Emerald Isle Immigration Centers
Bronx, NY

Hon. Joseph Crowley
Irish American Unity Conference
Albany, NY

Mr. Patrick Doherty
Director of Investments
New York City Comptroller's Office
New York, NY

Mr. Lawrence Downes
President
Brehon Law Society
New York, NY

Mr. Lawrence Early
Irish Northern Aid
New York, NY

Mr. James J. Gallagher
Ancient Order of Hibernians
East Lyme, CT

Martin Galvin, Esq.
Brehon Law Society
Bronx, NY

Mr. Frank Hoare

Ms. Cheryl Harrington
Assemblyman Joseph Crowley's Office
Albany, NY

Mr. Jack Irwin
East Rockaway, NY

Mr. Joseph Jamison
Director
Irish-American Labor Coalition
New York, NY

Mr. Richard Lawlor
Irish Northern Aid
Hartford, CT

Mr. Bill Lenahan
Assistant Director
Irish-American Labor Coalition
New York, NY

Dr. Robert Linnon
National President
Irish-American Labor Coalition
New York, NY

Hon. Bruce Morrison
Chairman
Americans for a New Irish Agenda
New Haven, CT

Brian O'Dwyer, Esq.
Emerald Isle Immigration Centers
New York, NY

Rev. Sean McManus
President
Irish National Caucus
Washington, DC

Mr. Joseph A. Roche
Ancient Order of Hibernians
Abingdon, MD

Invited but unable to attend

Al Doyle, Esq.
American Irish Political Education Committee
Valley Cottage, NY

Frank Durkan, Esq.

Mr. John J. Finucane
National President
American Irish Political Education Committee
West Haverstraw, NY

Mr. Charles J. Hynes
Brooklyn, NY

Hon. Paul O'Dwyer
O'Dwyer & Bernstein
New York, NY

Ms. Noreen Walsh
Nutley, NJ

April 10, 1995

Dear Friend:

I would like to invite you, as a representative of Americans for a New Irish Agenda, to attend a White House meeting to discuss issues related to the Irish peace process. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 472 of the Old Executive Office Building. You should plan to arrive at the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance to the Old Executive Office Building ten minutes prior to 11:00 a.m. with valid photo identification.

White House officials, including Nancy Soderberg, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and Kathleen Stephens, Director of European Affairs for the National Security Council will be on hand to discuss U.S. foreign policy toward the region, including the upcoming White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland.

To RSVP, call Ildi Kovacs at (202) 456-5174. Please provide your date of birth when calling. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call me directly at (202) 456-2930.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the President. We look forward to this opportunity to hear your ideas and concerns.

Hope to see you on April 19.

Sincerely,

Marilyn DiGiacobbe
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison