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To: Kreczko, Alan J.; @LEGAL - Legal Advisor
Cc: /R, Record at A1
Subject: RE: adams [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, December 07, 1994 6:32PM

_Yes, but I need to talk with you about what Justice can do (and what we can ask them to do, per Nancy) to learn whether or not Adams is getting the word out that procurement must stop (he has told Nancy he has and is). Nancy wants to have a meeting about this with Justice/FBI people in early January, but before that she asked me to talk with you. Give me a call when you can. Thanks.

To: Darby, M. Brooke; Stephens, Kathleen D.
CC: /R, Record at A1; Baker, James E.
Subject: adams [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, December 07, 1994 06:24 PM

assume you are aware that Justice decided at Deputy AG level against meeting with Adams.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 5, 1994

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

FROM: KATHLEEN STEPHENS *KS*

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Sinn Fein Leader Gerry Adams,
December 6, 1994, 4:00pm

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Department of State Guidelines, November 6, 2015

By VR NARA, Date 5/30/2024
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Future Visas/Fundraising Issues:

- On visas our flexibility is limited by U.S. law. Anyone who has been placed on the list of persons we have reason to believe have engaged in terrorist activities will always need a visa waiver from the Attorney General.
- Reconsideration of the restriction on fundraising can only come once weapons procurement activity in the U.S. has ceased and there is some progress on demobilization and disarmament.
- You should make clear through all the lines of communication available to you that this activity must stop. We will take note of such steps.

Belfast Investment Forum

- Important to get new investment and new jobs into Northern Ireland to help solidify cease-fire and wean Northern Ireland from its dependence on the public sector.
- This is area where all sides would appear to share common view and common goal.
- Pleased that Sinn Fein elected local councilors to be included in Forum. Important gesture on part of British.

Concurrences by: Jonathan Spalter and Alan Kreczko

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the draft press announcement at Tab A.

Attachment

Tab A Draft press announcement

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

NORTHERN IRELAND: NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR MEETS
WITH SINN FEIN LEADER

National Security Advisor Anthony Lake met with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams December 6 at the White House. Mr. Lake underscored the strong interest of the American people and of the Administration in supporting peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. He expressed appreciation for the role Mr. Adams has played in working for an end to violence there. Mr. Lake urged Mr. Adams to continue to look for ways to build confidence in the political process and to move it forward.

Mr. Lake and Mr. Adams also discussed ways in which the U.S. can continue to support the peace process, including through the implementation and expansion of the U.S. economic initiatives announced November 1. Mr. Lake affirmed U.S. support for the Downing Street Declaration of December 15, 1993, and indicated that he hoped to keep in touch with Mr. Adams and other political leaders from Northern Ireland as the dialogue between and among the parties develops and deepens.

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: NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

December 21, 1994

NOTE FOR ALAN K

I would like to call you
on the attached. Thanks.

Kathy Stephens

*To Kathy
for response.
Ann M. Allen*

*Please staff
to Kathy
Stephen
9828*

James Mullin
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Nancy Soderberg,
Assistant Advisor,
National Security Council
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Advisor Soderberg:

Irish Americans are very pleased with President Clinton's role in promoting peace talks on Northern Ireland and we welcome the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland scheduled for April in Philadelphia. We also welcome the appointment of Senator George J. Mitchell as Economic Envoy to Ireland. We do, however, have a serious problem with the FBI's relationship with the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC).

The FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia published a 1994 edition of their Directory of Graduates, and listed therein are 10 members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary from Northern Ireland.

On December 27th, 1993, Congressman Robert E. Andrews received a letter from Sheila F. Anthony, Assistant Attorney General, confirming that RUC members are being trained at Quantico, and that American taxpayers are paying all costs.

I am enclosing a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno from attorney Edmund E. Lynch, National Coordinator of the Lawyers Alliance for Justice in Ireland. Mr. Lynch provides credible evidence from recent reports by Helsinki Watch, Amnesty International, the Committee on the Administration of Justice and American legal groups, to show that the RUC is and has been engaged in lawless behavior, including collusion with loyalist death squads.

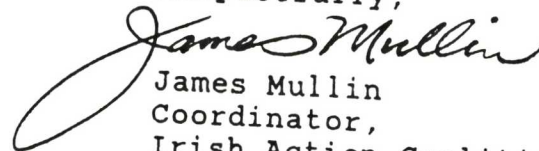
Because of their deplorable human rights record, the U.S. State Department banned the sale of arms to the RUC in August of 1979, and that ban has been upheld through successive Republican and Democratic administrations.

I am also enclosing copies of letters from U.S. Representatives Jim Saxton and Peter King to Attorney General Janet Reno regarding the FBI and the RUC. I am confident that other Congressmen will join them.

Ms. Soderberg, we believe the FBI is being misused by Her Majesty's Government. The RUC is not an ordinary police force and we have evidence compiled by the Brehon Law Society

and the Lawyers Alliance for Justice in Ireland to prove it. We hope you will assist us in obtaining a meeting with Justice department Officials to present such evidence. We believe that we can make a very good case that U.S. taxpayer dollars should not be used to train this highly partisan force.

Respectfully,


James Mullin
Coordinator,
Irish Action Coalition

cc: Edmund Lynch, Esq.
Larry Downes, Esq.
Ned Densmore

H. JAMES SAXTON
30 DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY

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December 6, 1994

Ms. Janet Reno
Attorney General
Department Of Justice
Main Justice Building, Room 1603
Pennsylvania & Constitution Aves. NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

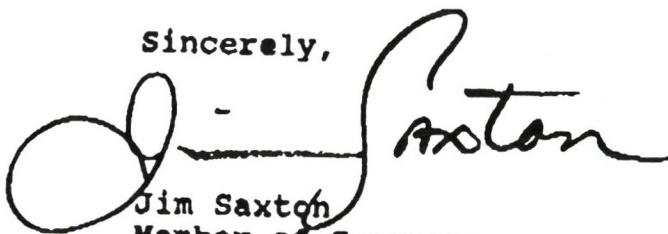
Dear Ms. Reno:

I have recently been contacted by a constituent of mine, Mr. James Mullin, who has asked that I contact you in order to request a meeting with you. He has supported evidence that the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia is training, at American taxpayer expense, members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, a known lawless organization.

Please contact Edmund E. Lynch, attorney for James Mullin, at 445 East Main Street, Danville, NJ 07834, or telephone him at 202-627-8515, in order to arrange this meeting.

Your every consideration is much appreciated. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Jim Saxton
Member of Congress

HJS/mgs

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December 6, 1994

Honorable Janet Reno
Attorney General
Constitution Avenue & 10th Streets
US Department Of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Reno:

I am writing in regard to the FBI National Academy's continued policy of providing free training for members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) from Northern Ireland.

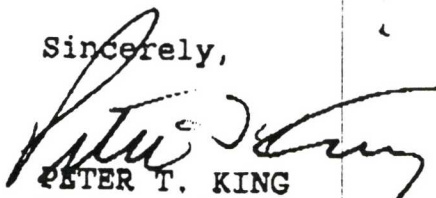
RUC members are receiving law enforcement and paramilitary training at Quantico at full U.S. taxpayer expense. I seriously question the appropriateness of this policy.

Despite significant progress made towards peace in the north of Ireland, the British military continues to operate on a near-war footing. Unwarranted search, seizure and detention continue as functions of the British Army's standard operating procedure in the six counties.

Assisting the British military in the execution of these harsh policies is the paramilitary RUC, which has a deplorable human rights record. There is no reason for our involvement with this highly partisan armed force which is engaged in the systematic persecution of the Catholic minority in the north of Ireland.

I strongly urge you to discontinue the policy of providing training for the RUC. I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,


PETER T. KING
Member of Congress

PTK/dvm

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Constitution Ave. & 10th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530

RE: The Royal Ulster Constabulary

Dear Attorney General Reno:

As National Coordinator of the Lawyers Alliance for Justice in Ireland, Inc., I submit the following comments to you concerning the use of Department of Justice funds to train members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary from the north of Ireland.

I understand that Assistant Attorney General Sheila F. Anthony has written to Congressman Robert E. Andrews and suggested that there is no credible evidence to deny good standing of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

I respectfully request that you consider the following:

1. In February of 1993, the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights issued a report entitled "Human Rights and Legal Defense in Northern Ireland: The Intimidation of Defense Lawyers; The Murder of Patrick Finucane."

The authors of this report are Michael H. Posner, Executive Director of the Lawyers Committee; Martin Flaherty, Associate Professor of Law at Fordham University; and John J. Gibbons, Chief Judge (retired) of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and Professor of Law at Seton Hall University.

Among the distinguished members of the Board of Directors of the Lawyers Committee are Charles R. Breyer, Drew S. Days, III, Norman Dorsen, Father Robert F. Drinan, S.J., Debra M. Greenberg, Lani Guinier, Philip A. Lacovara, Benito Romano and Jerome J. Shestack.

I enclose herein a copy of the summary of findings of the Lawyers Committee panel of investigators.

Under sub-paragraph (a): allegations of intimidation, the panel found that RUC detectives conducting interviews "bully or threaten detainees, and often make disparaging

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or threatening remarks about the detainee's solicitor."

Credible evidence established that the RUC participated in death threats, interference in the attorney/client relationship and interference with the right to counsel of choice.

Of particular concern is the finding of the panel that there was collusion between elements within the security forces (the RUC) and loyalist paramilitaries, which led to the murder of Patrick Finucane, a distinguished and courageous attorney.

With respect to the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Judge Gibbons, Professor Flaherty and attorney Posner found as follows:

There is a widely held view that in cases involving suspected paramilitary activity the RUC is virtually unaccountable to any other government entity. The RUC's record in handling complaints of harassment and intimidation of lawyers is poor. In general, there is pervasive sentiment that the RUC lacks the will to hold its members accountable for human rights violations (please see report at p. 7).

In July 1992, Helsinki Watch, a Division of Human Rights Watch, published an exhaustive report entitled "Children in Northern Ireland: Abused by Security Forces and Paramilitaries."

The introduction to this report states as follows:

Children have suffered greatly as a result of the conflict in Northern Ireland; of the almost 3,000 people who have lost their lives since 1969 in political violence associated with the "Troubles", many have been children - killed by paramilitaries or by security forces.

Moreover, children in the province are caught between two powerful groups - security forces and paramilitaries. Police officers and soldiers harass young people on the street - hitting, kicking and insulting them. Police officers in interrogation centers insult, trick and threaten youngsters and sometimes physically assault them. Children are

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locked up in adult detention centers and prisons in shameful conditions.

In 1994, Amnesty International published a detailed investigative report entitled "Political Killings in Northern Ireland." This investigation examined more than 350 deaths of civilians as a direct consequence of the use of lethal force by security personnel, including the RUC. Amnesty International concluded that government officials had a policy of deliberately killing people as an alternative to arresting them. Amnesty International concluded that not only was there a lack of will on the part of the government to bring members of the RUC to justice when they had perpetrated unlawful killings, but also that there had been collusion between the RUC and loyalist paramilitary organizations.

2. In December of 1992, the Committee on the Administration of Justice, a well respected non-sectarian human rights organization based in Belfast, reported on the unjustified killing of Patrick Pearse Jordan by an RUC officer as the unarmed Mr. Jordan fled from an automobile. The CAJ noted as follows:

Mr. Jordan's death cannot be viewed in isolation. It is another statistic to be added to the 300 plus deaths caused by members of the Security Forces in Northern Ireland since 1969.

Accountability mechanisms for such deaths remain completely inadequate. Furthermore, there is little evidence that preventative measures are taken by the Security Forces in planning and training procedures to avoid recurrence of similar deaths. Until all these issues are addressed, adequate protection for the right to life in Northern Ireland will remain sadly lacking.

In February of 1994, Committee on the Administration of Justice reported on yet another RUC officer maintained in good standing despite the killing of an unarmed youth. In the case of Kevin McGovern, RUC constable Hanley shot him dead with a sub-machine gun while the unarmed youth was fleeing. The CAJ report stated:

Constable Hanley based his defence on a belief that his life was in danger when he used his sub-machine gun. On a common sense view, how can the family of Kevin McGovern believe him when their

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son and brother was running away from his pursuer? What are they to think of a policeman whose reaction to a supposed threat to his life is to dash off in the direction of danger, discharging over 20 rounds from his weapon when none are fired at him? Moreover, what are they to think of a system that not only lets him away with such conduct, but warmly welcomes back into a police uniform as soon as his acquittal is announced, despite the judge's comments that although he had acted honestly, he had not acted reasonably? The RUC might have had the courtesy even to go through the pretence of considering disciplinary action.

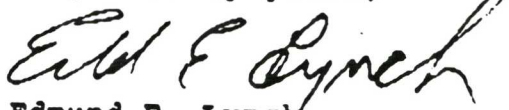
If you desire further specification of cases exhibiting a reckless and/or intentional disregard of the lives of innocent civilians on the part of the RUC, I will be happy to provide the same.

Either the FBI is not doing a good job of training, which I highly doubt, or the members of the RUC are not receptive students.

Until there is a commitment to a complete reconstitution of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, United States Government monies should not be spent supporting a discredited, sectarian force of injustice.

Members of the Lawyers Alliance for Justice in Ireland, Inc., the Irish Action Coalition, and respected members of the International Association of Chiefs of Police desire to meet with you concerning this subject. I would appreciate your letting me know whether you, or your designated representative, is available for such a meeting.

Respectfully yours,


Edmund E. Lynch
National Coordinator

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Enclosure

cc: Helen McClafferty
Judge Thomas Beutel
Honorable William Hughes
Judge Dan Coburn
James Mullin
etc.

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Future Visas/Fundraising Issues:

- On visas our flexibility is limited by U.S. law. Anyone who has been placed on the list of persons we have reason to believe have engaged in terrorist activities will always need a visa waiver from the Attorney General.
- Reconsideration of the restriction on fundraising can only come once weapons procurement activity in the U.S. has ceased and there is some progress on demobilization and disarmament.
- You should make clear through all the lines of communication available to you that this activity must stop. We will take note of such steps.

Belfast Investment Forum

- Important to get new investment and new jobs into Northern Ireland to help solidify cease-fire and wean Northern Ireland from its dependence on the public sector.
- This is area where all sides would appear to share common view and common goal.
- Pleased that Sinn Fein elected local councilors to be included in Forum. Important gesture on part of British.

Concurrences by: Jonathan Spalter and Alan Kreczko

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the draft press announcement at Tab A.

Attachment

Tab A Draft press announcement

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

NORTHERN IRELAND: NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR MEETS
WITH SINN FEIN LEADER

National Security Advisor Anthony Lake met with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams December 6 at the White House. Mr. Lake underscored the strong interest of the American people and of the Administration in supporting peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. He expressed appreciation for the role Mr. Adams has played in working for an end to violence there. Mr. Lake urged Mr. Adams to continue to look for ways to build confidence in the political process and to move it forward.

Mr. Lake and Mr. Adams also discussed ways in which the U.S. can continue to support the peace process, including through the implementation and expansion of the U.S. economic initiatives announced November 1. Mr. Lake affirmed U.S. support for the Downing Street Declaration of December 15, 1993, and indicated that he hoped to keep in touch with Mr. Adams and other political leaders from Northern Ireland as the dialogue between and among the parties develops and deepens.

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Tony Hill →

A. Cahill — long-term PIRA (1938)

1942 conviction of murdering
Provl. Army Council member — Council
that authorizes PIRA attacks.

Treasurer of Sinn Féin
Raised funds during

B. Doherty — ~~is~~ VP of Sinn Féin since 1991
PIRA since 1973.

Reportedly member of Provl. Army Council
since 80's.

Major fundraiser for PIRA/Sinn Féin

C. McAteer — 1974 — sentenced to 30 yrs. for
explosives.

PIRA member

1981 — released from prison ~~is~~
~~known to~~ significantly involved in
fundraising for PIRA

D. Traynor — 5 years in prison for PIRA
membership + collecting info

Advance for

Deported in Sept. '94 in legal status.

E. Hartley — Arrested in 1971 on riotous behavior +
possession of incendiaries Sentenced to 12 mos.

76 — charged as PIRA member. Later
charges withdrawn.

F. McGunniss - #2 in PIRA. On PAC since 1973

(PAC is 7 member group that authorizes operations)

Deputy Chief of Staff for PIRA & VP of Sinn Féin

Ultimate PIRA

~~order~~ on Torture / Executions against informants

23 convicted PIRA membership

~~85~~

85-2 arrests for assaulting police (disposition unknown)

~~History of~~

Several detentions on explosives

6. O'Hanlin - ~~1989~~ 1989 - PIRA & Sinn Féin
involvement.

1989 - deported from U.S. for drug
connections

1985 - explosives conviction; sentenced
Fundraiser for PIRA

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→ Reportedly provide training to ~~the~~ members
of other terrorist groups. → within
past
few
years.

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Thomas Dillon

March 13, 1995

BY FAX - (202) 456-9151

Ms. Cathy Stevens
National Security Counsel

Dear Ms. Stevens:

As per our telephone conversation, Friends of Sinn Fein, Inc. is a New York Not-for-Profit Corporation. Our directors include myself, my brother Sean Downes, who is an attorney in New York, and Thomas Devlin, a contractor in New York. Our attorney is Richard Harvey, Esq. of Stevens, Hines & White, P.C. 116 West 111th Street, New York, NY 10026, (212) 864-4445. We are in the process of complying with the rules and regulations as they apply to us. We intend to cooperate in every way. We have opened a bank account at Country Bank, 4349 Katonah Avenue, Bronx, NY 10470. We have signed a lease for office space at 1350 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 307, Washington, D.C. The office will be staffed full time. It is intended that Mairead Keane will be the Executive Director of this office, as soon as the proper paper work is cleared.

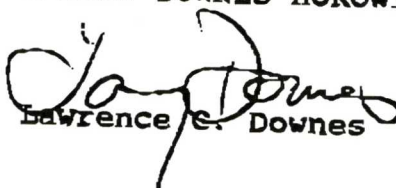
We expect that on Mr. Adams' current tour we will net no more than \$50,000. This amount will not fund even the Washington office for a year.

We intend to retain a reputable certified public accounting firm to audit the funds received by our organization. We will comply with all reasonable requests to assure that the funds are properly accounted for.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact
myself or Richard Harvey.

Very truly yours,

GILROY DOWNES HOROWITZ & GOLDSTEIN


Lawrence E. Downes

LCD:jg

1. Finnacume
Donaldson (Shamus)

- Long-term involvement in PIRA. 9 years served in 80's for possession of firearms & intent to commit ~~some~~ violent acts.
- In 1993, senior membership in PIRA & operational role. Involved since ceasefire in ~~the~~ disciplinary beatings.
- Info re robbery in past 2 years in which person killed.

2. McGowan Patrick - mid-20's convicted for possession explosives. 15, 15, 5

- 1981 - attempted escape
- 1986 - high leader in PIRA
- 1988 - arrested (not convicted) for murder of 2 soldiers
- Long trail of PIRA membership.

3. Donaldson - 1978 - arrested for assault on soldier.

- 1981 - false passport (France)
- 82 - detained Canada for possession of PIRA documents

1971-1976 - prison for holding people hostage

89-90 - in U.S., head of NORAD (registered agent of PIRA)

91 - denied entry to U.S. for attempt to hide previous conviction.

raising funds

File - IRA

Darby, M. Brooke

From: Kreczko, Alan J.
To: Darby, M. Brooke; LeBourgeois, Julien D.; Soderberg, Nancy E.
Cc: /R, Record at A1; Baker, James E.
Subject: Staunton IRA case ~~[CONFIDENTIAL]~~
Date: Saturday, September 17, 1994 3:44PM

Nancy asked for a memo to Tony on the Staunton case. Attached is a draft for your comments. I have the FBI report on Staunton if you want to see it. <<File Attachment: STAUNTON.DOC>><<File Attachment: STAUNTON.DOC>>

To Alan

Can you talk to

Morrison who seems to
think he has info that will
solve some of these problems.

My view is that if our action would interfere
with litigation we shouldn't do. If we
can fix a minor problem, ok.

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

IRA

March 16, 1995

The Honorable Warren Christopher
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing in further response to Deputy Secretary Talbott's letter of December 8, 1994, seeking my concurrence in a decision to designate Ireland as a probationary participant the Visa Waiver Pilot Program (VWPP).

I am willing to join with you in designating Ireland for inclusion in the VWPP on probationary status. However, as the peace process in Ireland is still at an early and fragile stage, I want to take this occasion to confirm certain arrangements to which we have previously agreed concerning efforts by Sinn Fein and IRA members to travel to this country.

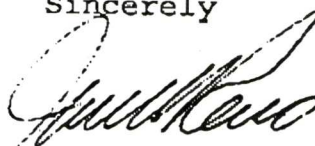
It is my understanding that if the VWPP is extended to include Ireland, individuals who are ineligible for visas, including a number of Sinn Fein and IRA members, will continue to be required, in advance of their departure for the United States, to apply at a U.S. embassy or consulate for a waiver of ineligibility. Absent the granting of the waiver, they will not receive a visa and will not be permitted to enter the United States. To the extent that any Sinn Fein or IRA member requires a waiver of ineligibility, I understand that the following conditions will continue to apply:

- * The applicant shall present his or her waiver application to the INS at the Headquarters level using the currently established waiver procedures and channels;
- * If the waiver is granted, the applicant shall provide advance notice of intended travel to the United States and a full itinerary of all intended travel within the United States. Other restrictions, such as geographic limitations, length of stay, etc. shall be as the INS prescribes.
- * Each applicant who receives a waiver and visa shall be subject to the following restrictions with respect to fundraising activity:

- (1) the individual is not to solicit or accept funds;
 - (2) the individual is not to attend or participate in any function for which admission is charged, if the charge for admission exceeds the actual costs of the function;
 - (3) the individual may not attend, or otherwise participate in, any function at which there is to be fundraising;
 - (4) the only exception to the foregoing restrictions is that the individual may be present at functions where Gerry Adams engages in fundraising, and may assist in that fundraising activity during that period of time that Adams is physically present at the function.
- * Deviations from, or violations of, any imposed restrictions shall be grounds for cancellation of the visa.

I trust that the foregoing is satisfactory to you and that we are in accord on the basis for this decision.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Janet Reno", written in a cursive style.

Janet Reno

TO: KATHY STEPHENS
ERIC SCHWARTZ

Kreczko, Alan J.

From: Kreczko, Alan J.
To: Schwartz, Eric P.; Stephens, Kathleen D.
Cc: /R, Record at A1; Baker, James E.; Kreczko, Alan J.
Subject: RE: Congressional on Barr [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Thursday, April 13, 1995 10:35AM

Very timely inquiry, as I have just received an internal DOJ review of the case, which concludes that deportation should proceed. They have prepared a draft POTUS response as well. I will send both of them to both of you. Since draft POTUS response would say DOJ has reviewed the case, I told DOJ I wanted to know that Jamie Gorelik had reviewed and agreed with internal DOJ paper.

On the merits, I agree with DOJ that Barr's asylum claim is weak. A more difficult issue is whether equities support DOJ continuing to litigate this case. Barr has now been in the US for ten years, with no allegation of illegal activity other than his fraudulent entry. Barr is married to an AMERICAN, and has an AMERICAN child. I'll admit to being a sucker for "best interests of the child" arguments, but I wonder whether it makes sense to make the family choose between breaking up or moving to Ireland. (DOJ would say that illegal entrants frequently enter, marry and have kids and they can not, if only for precedential reasons, let that become a big factor in their decision.) And, of course, a major issue is the extent to which we want to try to substitute our judgment for their judgment, -- which they would greatly resist and which would encourage other cases being brought here.

I welcome your views after you've read the DOJ package.

From: Schwartz, Eric P.
To: Stephens, Kathleen D.
CC: /R, Record at A1; Kreczko, Alan J.
Subject: FW: Congressional on Barr [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, April 12, 1995 07:17 PM

Punted to Kreczko

From: Stephens, Kathleen D.
To: Schwartz, Eric P.
CC: /R, Record at A1
Subject: Congressional on Barr [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, April 12, 1995 05:30 PM

Eric, I was info copied on a letter from Senator Lautenberg regarding one James G. Barr from Northern Ireland. You were assigned action. What's the status? (This case was raised with me by some Irish-Americans last week.)

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Gray, Wendy E.

From: Kreczko, Alan J.
To: Gray, Wendy E.; Hawkins, Ardenia R.; Stephens, Kathleen D.; @CROSS - Cross Hatches
Cc: /R, Record at A1; Vershbow, Alexander R.
Subject: RE: Cahill memo ~~[CONFIDENTIAL]~~
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 1995 8:02PM

Please pass to Nancy

I concur in Kathy's draft fundraising memo to POTUS, but would change very last line of recommendation. Currently, it says we would tell DOJ that where DOJ grants a waiver, funding restrictions should be same as for Adams. This could suggest that we are deferring the waiver decisions to DOJ, and could also lead DOJ to take a harder line on waiver decisions, knowing that with them goes a fundraising permission. Would recommend that last clause be amended to say "where visas are granted, our position will be" rather than "where DOJ grants a visa...."

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CC: /R, Record at A1; Kreczko, Alan J.; Vershbow, Alexander R.
Subject: Cahill memo ~~[CONFIDENTIAL]~~
Date: Wednesday, April 19, 1995 07:08 PM

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Please pass to Nancy: Attached is the memo to the President on Cahill you asked me to draft. Sandy Vershbow has cleared; I am sending a copy now to Alan Kreczko. Thanks for the suggestion to use the e-mail -- I will be leaving at 7:30 but payable and/or reachable at home after that.

To Alan-

I think we need to work out
an approach with Justice next
week on the overall cases so I took
the layer issue out of POTUS memo.

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File IRA

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File -
IRA

We need to have
a position on these issues.
Can you look into?
February 1, 1995

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Mr. Gerry Adams
Sinn Fein, President

Dear Mr. Adams:

During your last visit to New York, you invited my contact in the event I believed you could assist in matters pertaining to the Irish American community and its efforts to work for a just and lasting peace throughout Ireland. I regret that it has become necessary.

As you know, the Brehon Law Society has been actively involved with the Irish American community for 15 years. Due to the fact that we are mostly an organization of lawyers, we quickly become aware of most, if not all, actions by the executive branch of the United States government relating to Irish Republicans. We had thought that the bold move by the Irish Republican Army to call a cease fire and the courageous efforts by Sinn Fein to negotiate a permanent resolution in the north of Ireland would result in less harsh treatment of people associated with the cause of Irish freedom in the United States. This has not happened. Indeed, the treatment of these people has hardened and the pace of activity against them has increased.

While we as Americans can certainly petition at the highest levels of our government, it is my belief that you as an international leader may very well have better

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access to the White House in connection with these issues. I am requesting that you inform the people with whom you are dealing that the activities by the United States law enforcement community against Irish activists is counter-productive and unnecessary. Indeed, were some simple steps taken as a sign of good faith, I believe much progress could be made in terms of making the community believe more strongly that the current efforts and process are being made in good faith by all parties and that patience and determination will prevail.

Examples of the activities include the following.

The four H-Block prisoners continue to be burdened with excessive or no bail packages, despite any reasonable belief that they would flee the jurisdiction.

The FBI and Immigration have been arresting or harassing people for relatively minor matters, even though they have ignored some of these very people for many years. The timing is disturbing.

The extradition of Mixie Martin and the failure to provide him bail is another needless thorn in the side of the Irish community. The continued prosecution of Seamus Moley and Kevin McKinley should be brought to an end.

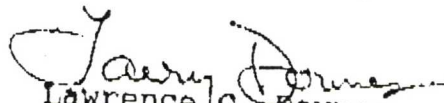
The denial of parole to Garry McGeough was another unnecessary and counter-productive move.

The effort to remove Gabriel Megahey from the country is seen as nothing but harassment.

The persistent effort to return Jim Barr is further aggravating the situation.

It is important that the White House understand that these matters are significant and play an important role in the overall situation. Rather than taking simple steps which would diffuse uncertainty in the community, the U.S. government is taking petty steps which inflame the community. I am not certain that the White House understands that the Irish American community is important to the overall peace process. I would appreciate if you would encourage them to reassess and change the activities of the law enforcement community so that they become a positive rather than a negative factor in the effort to obtain a permanent and lasting peace.

Very truly yours,


Lawrence C. Downes
President

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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May 15, 1995

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

FROM: ALAN KRECZKO *AK*

SUBJECT: Barr Asylum Request

Senators Bradley and Lautenberg have written the President about INS' decision to appeal the grant of asylum to James G. Barr. Barr's case has also been raised with us by various Irish American groups. Irish American groups allege that the Justice Department has singled out Irish nationals for especially vigorous enforcement of our laws because of the close U.K.-FBI working relationship. They will be critical of a decision to proceed with the appeal.

At our request, DOJ has reviewed INS' decision. They agree with INS that the grant of asylum was erroneous and that law enforcement equities favor appeal (Internal DOJ analysis at Tab II). Jamie Gorelik has endorsed her staff's conclusion.

We agree with DOJ and INS on the legal issue -- Barr does not qualify for asylum. To so qualify, Barr must show that he has a reasonable fear of persecution in both Ireland and Northern Ireland. He certainly does not meet that burden with respect to Ireland, and the case for persecution in Northern Ireland is also far from clear.

The equities of pursuing the appeal are more debatable. Barr has been in the U.S. for eleven years now; he has an American wife and an American child, and no convictions. However, DOJ would point out that Barr's length of stay here is Barr's own making; that precedential reasons argue against allowing an intervening marriage or even child to derail a deportation; and that Barr has had the option of petitioning for an adjustment of status based on the marriage.

We are convinced that Barr's case has received serious, senior-level DOJ review. We would defer to their judgment on enforcement of our immigration laws.

In any event, we understand Barr will now file for an adjustment of status, based on his marriage to an American citizen. (It is

not clear why he has not pursued this option to date.)
 Successful adjustment of status would moot the asylum issue. (INS
 is, however, unwilling to commit on their position on adjustment,
 since they have not yet seen the application.)

DOJ has cleared the proposed response to Bradley and Lautenberg.
 Ab Mikva has also cleared the memo to the President and the
 proposed response to the Senators.

Concurrence by: Kathy Stephens ^{by AK}, Eric Schwartz ^{by AK}, Bill Danvers ^{by Mike Andrusco}
 AK

RECOMMENDATION

That sign the memorandum for the President at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for the President
 Tab A Letters to Senators Bradley and Lautenberg
 Tab B Incoming Correspondence from Senators
 Tab II Internal DOJ Analysis

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
PATRICK GRIFFIN
ABNER MIKVA

SUBJECT: Barr Asylum Request

Purpose

To respond to letters from Senators Bradley and Lautenberg asking that you review INS' decision to appeal the grant of asylum to James G. Barr.

Background

Barr entered the US fraudulently in 1984; this is uncontested. However, Barr was granted relief from deportation last summer because of a grant of asylum by an immigration judge based on a finding that Barr would be persecuted because of his religion (Catholic) and political views were he returned either to Northern Ireland or Ireland.

In addition to the Senators, Barr's case has also been raised with us by various Irish American groups. Irish American groups allege that the Justice Department has singled out Irish nationals for especially vigorous enforcement of our laws because of the close U.K.-FBI working relationship. They will be critical of a decision to proceed with the asylum appeal.

At our request, Deputy Attorney General Gorelick has reviewed INS's decision. She agrees with INS that the grant of asylum was erroneous. We concur. To qualify for asylum, Barr must show that he has a reasonable fear of persecution in both Ireland and Northern Ireland. He certainly does not meet that burden with respect to Ireland, and the case for persecution in Northern Ireland is also far from clear.

The equities of pursuing the appeal are more debatable. Barr has been in the U.S. for eleven years now; he has an American wife and an American child, and no convictions. However, Justice points out that Barr's length of stay here is Barr's own making,

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

and that precedential reasons argue against allowing an intervening marriage or even child to derail a deportation.

We are convinced that Barr's case has received serious, senior-level DOJ review and accept their judgment on enforcement of our immigration laws.

In any event, we understand Barr now intends to seek to adjust his status based on his marriage to an American. (It is not clear why he did not pursue this option earlier.) If successful, such action would moot the asylum issue.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A to Senators Bradley and Lautenberg.

Attachment

Tab A Letters to Senators Bradley and Lautenberg

Tab B Incoming Letters from Senators Bradley and Lautenberg

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Frank:

You asked me to review the deportation case of James G. Barr to ensure that Mr. Barr was being treated fairly and in accord with the law. As you indicated in your letter, the United States Immigration Court in Philadelphia granted Mr. Barr's application for asylum. That ruling is currently on appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals.

At the request of the White House, appropriate officials at the Department of Justice have reviewed this case. The Immigration and Naturalization Service believes that the Immigration Court incorrectly applied the standards governing applications for asylum to the particular facts of Mr. Barr's case. The Department of Justice concurs in that judgment.

As to Mr. Barr's marriage to an American citizen, we understand that Mr. Barr now intends to seek to adjust his status based on that relationship. Such action could moot the asylum issue.

The Department of Justice will continue to ensure that Mr. Barr is treated fairly throughout the balance of the proceedings.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-3002

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Bill:

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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Bill Bradley
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-3001

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3001

March 6, 1995

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing concerning the political asylum case of James G. Barr. Mr. Barr fled Northern Ireland for the United States in 1984 and requested political asylum. After a prolonged legal battle, in July 1993, Judge John F. Gossart, Jr., granted the request. In his opinion, Judge Gossart pointed to a pattern of human rights abuses in Northern Ireland as providing grounds for a well founded fear of persecution.

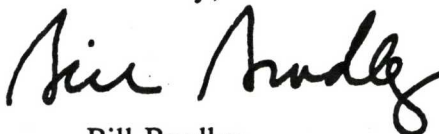
As you know, respected human rights organizations such as Amnesty International, the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, and the European Commission on Human Rights have expressed their concerns over evidence of human rights abuses and miscarriages of justice in Northern Ireland. The 1993 State Department "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices" refers to allegations that "soldiers resorted to lethal force precipitately and carried out a 'shoot-to-kill' policy."

However, in the face of the evidence, the Justice Department has appealed Judge Gossart's decision and asked for authority to deport Mr. Barr immediately. I frankly do not understand why the Administration continues to pursue Mr. Barr through the courts. Mr. Barr is married to an American citizen, has a young daughter, and is gainfully employed. There is no evidence or even allegation that he has engaged in any unlawful activity in the United States. There are no outstanding warrants against him in the United Kingdom.

After 11 years, Mr. Barr is nearing the end of his financial and emotional resources. It would be a tragedy were he to give up and be deported only because he ran out of money and endurance, not because of due process.

I hope your staff will meet with Mr. Barr and his representatives to assist you in collecting complete information on this case, and that you will ensure that justice is served.

Sincerely,



Bill Bradley

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3002

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March 14, 1995

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

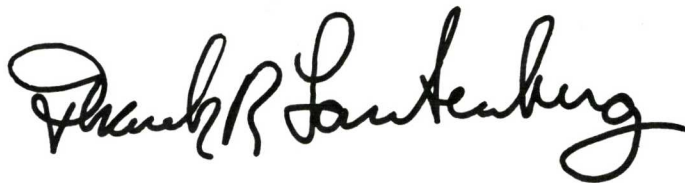
I am writing to inquire about the political asylum case of James G. Barr and would like to know why the Administration continues to pursue his deportation through the courts.

I understand that Mr. Barr, who is married to a woman from New Jersey, requested political asylum in the United States after he fled from Northern Ireland in 1984. In July of 1993, Judge John F. Gossart, Jr., granted the request based on a pattern of human rights abuses in Northern Ireland, which, he concluded, provided grounds for a "well founded fear of persecution."

Despite well-documented evidence of human rights abuses in Northern Ireland, I understand the Justice Department has appealed this decision and is seeking the authority to deport Mr. Barr immediately. I am not aware of any warrants pending against Mr. Barr in the United Kingdom, nor am I aware that he has been involved in unlawful activity in the United States.

I urge you to carefully review this case and ensure that Mr. Barr will be treated fairly and that justice is served.

Sincerely,



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 14, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR ANDREW SENS

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL MAIL

Attached is a copy of the letter sent to the President from Bill Bradley (D-NJ), concerning the political asylum case of James G. Barr. I would appreciate your assistance in drafting a response.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call LeeAnn Inadomi at x67500.

Enclosure

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JU. S. Department of Justice
Office of the Deputy Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

April 4, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Vatis,
Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General

FROM: Casey Cooper,
Special Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: Asylum case of James G. Barr

Summary

This memorandum summarizes the asylum case of James G. Barr. It recommends that the Department not intercede in the INS's decision to appeal the ruling of the Immigration Court granting Mr. Barr's application for asylum. I have attached a draft letter to Senator Lautenberg from the President explaining that the President has reviewed the case and believes it to be appropriate for the INS to proceed with the appeal.

Factual and Procedural Background

The following recitation of the factual and procedural background of this case is adopted from the United States Immigration Court's July 13, 1994 decision by Judge Gossart granting Mr. Barr's application for asylum:

James G. Barr, 39, a former resident of Belfast, Northern Ireland and a dual citizen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the "U.K." or "Great Britain") and the Republic of Ireland ("Ireland"), entered the United States under a fictitious visa on January 22, 1984. On May 29, 1984, Barr was arrested by the INS in Philadelphia and charged criminally with fraudulent entry into the U.S. After the criminal case ended in a hung jury, the INS initiated deportation proceedings against Mr. Barr on November 1, 1984. Those proceedings were stayed briefly while Great Britain sought to extradite Barr to face attempted murder charges arising from a 1981 attack against a British soldier stationed in Belfast--charges which precipitated Mr. Barr's flight to the United States. The district court in Philadelphia denied extradition, ruling that the charges against

Mr. Barr lacked probable cause. These charges, along with those against Mr. Barr's co-defendants, were later dropped by Great Britain.

The INS moved to re-open Mr. Barr's deportation proceedings on September 10, 1985. The proceedings were again stayed, however, on October 25, 1985 when Mr. Barr conceded his deportability and filed applications for asylum, withholding of deportation, and, alternatively, voluntary departure. On August 18, 1987, Mr. Barr withdrew his motions for asylum and withholding of deportation and voluntarily consented to return to Northern Ireland. Mr. Barr informed the court at that time that he was going through divorce proceedings in Northern Ireland and upon completion of those proceedings would marry a United States citizen and then seek visa processing in the Republic of Ireland in order to return to the United States. The Immigration Court granted Mr. Barr's request for voluntary departure.

On March 16, 1988, Mr. Barr petitioned the Immigration Court to reinstate his applications for asylum and withholding of deportation, arguing that the passage of an extradition treaty between the UK and the Republic of Ireland four months after his grant of voluntary departure increased the likelihood of his extradition from Ireland to Northern Ireland without due process. The Immigration Court granted Mr. Barr's petition and, after a hearing on the merits, granted Mr. Barr's asylum application on July 13, 1994. In a lengthy opinion, the court recounted the history of political and religious violence in Northern Ireland and documented several instances of harassment that Mr. Barr and his family experienced at the hands of British soldiers while living along the "Peace Line" in Belfast. Based on these experiences and the notoriety which has apparently accompanied Mr. Barr's flight to the United States, the court found that Mr. Barr possessed a well-founded fear that he would be persecuted because of his religion and political views were he to return either to Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland. The INS has appealed the ruling to the Board of Immigration Appeals and has filed an initial brief. Mr. Barr's reply is forthcoming.

Positions of the Parties

The INS makes two arguments. It contends first that Mr. Barr's asylum claim was not properly before the immigration judge since Mr. Barr had already withdrawn his claim and accepted a grant of voluntary departure. The enactment of the extradition treaty between the UK and Ireland, according to the INS, was not legally sufficient to warrant the re-opening of Mr. Barr's asylum claim. Moving to the merits, the INS contends that Mr. Barr is a not a "refugee" from either the U.K. or Ireland, as that term is defined under section 101 of the Immigration and Naturalization Act (INA), because he does not possess a well-founded fear of

persecution in either country. Therefore, according to INS, he is not eligible for asylum.

Mr. Barr's position before the immigration court was that because of his notoriety and past experience with the Northern Irish independence movement he will be targeted for persecution by the British and Northern Irish governments should he return to either the U.K. or Ireland.

Discussion and Recommendation

The INS's procedural argument appears sound. It is based on an Attorney General opinion holding that enactment of the U.K.-Ireland extradition treaty does not constitute new and previously unavailable evidence that warrants reopening of deportation procedures. Besides, it appears that even though the treaty had not gone into effect at the time Mr. Barr volunteered to return to Ireland, it nonetheless had been passed by the Irish Parliament. Thus, the argument that the treaty constituted new and unavailable evidence is weak.

The INS's substantive argument also appears valid. In order for Mr. Barr to be eligible for asylum as a refugee, he must possess a well-founded fear of persecution in his country of origin. Mr. Barr is a dual citizen of the U.K. and Ireland, and thus could return to either country upon deportation. Mr. Barr makes a colorable argument that he has a reasonable fear of persecution in the U.K. (at least in Belfast) due to his notoriety and past participation in the independence movement. Mr. Barr's similar claims with respect to the Republic of Ireland and the U.K. generally are less persuasive. First, Northern Irish police officials represented before the immigration judge that currently there are no charges pending against Mr. Barr in the U.K. (The immigration judge placed little value on these representations.) Second, the INS argues that although the 1987 U.K.-Ireland extradition treaty streamlines the extradition process, that process nonetheless affords defendants an appropriate level of due process. Third, the passage of time diminishes the strength of Mr. Barr's claim that his case is of particular significance to the Northern Irish government. Finally, the argument that non-violent participants in the Northern Ireland independence movement face widespread political persecution in the U.K. runs contrary to the general improvements of conditions in Northern Ireland that underlie and that have resulted from the recent peace treaty there.

Notwithstanding the legal merits, the INS could withdraw its appeal on prudential grounds. Factors weighing in favor of so doing include: (1) Mr. Barr was indeed harassed and wrongfully accused prior to his arrival in the U.S.; (2) he has resided in the United States for over ten years; (3) he is married to a

The Honorable Frank Lautenberg
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510-3002

Dear Senator Lautenberg:

This responds to your March 14, 1994 letter in which you urge me to ensure that the political asylum case of James G. Barr is treated fairly and in accord with the law. As you indicated in your letter, the United States Immigration Court in Philadelphia granted Mr. Barr's application for asylum on July 19, 1993. That ruling is currently on appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals.

At the request of the White House, appropriate officials at the Department of Justice have reviewed this case. Based on that review, I can assure you that the Immigration and Naturalization Service's ("INS") decision to pursue this matter on appeal is an appropriate one. The INS believes that the Immigration Court incorrectly applied the standards governing applications for asylum to the particular facts of Mr. Barr's case. The Department of Justice concurs in that judgment. Nevertheless, the Department will continue to ensure that Mr. Barr is treated fairly throughout the balance the proceedings.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

William Jefferson Clinton

United States citizen; (4) he has a child who is a U.S. citizen; and (5) he apparently has been law abiding during his residency here.

Factors weighing against withdrawal include: (1) Mr. Barr has a criminal record in Northern Ireland, albeit for petty crimes committed as a young man; (2) he entered this country fraudulently; (3) he prolonged his residency by agreeing to but not undertaking voluntary departure; (4) any delay in the proceedings not attributable to Mr. Barr himself are due largely to the complexity of his case and the failure of the immigration judge to issue a timely ruling, rather than to delay on the part of the INS; (5) Mr. Barr can always avail himself of the legal immigration procedures should he be returned to the U.K or Ireland.

Balancing these factors, it is difficult to recommend withdrawing the appeal. Even accepting that Mr. Barr faced harassment as a youth at the hands of British soldiers in Northern Ireland, his situation prior to his arrival in the U.S. is essentially indistinguishable from that of thousands of others young men in Northern Ireland. Any equitable factors that distinguish Mr. Barr's case in particular (i.e., his marriage and extended stay in the U.S.) occurred after his fraudulent entry into the United States. The overall effect of letting stand a ruling establishing that the conditions in Northern Ireland are sufficient to support asylum claims is likely greater than the effect that pursuing the appeal will have on this particular claimant.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Department not intercede in INS's decision to appeal the immigration judge's ruling.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

May 19, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR KATHY STEPHENS

FROM: ALAN KRECZKO *AK*
SUBJECT: Linnon Letter to President

DOJ has responded to two of the issues raised in Linnon's May 12 letter to the President:

Complaint: While INS agreed on March 31 to get back to Linnon concerning their specific inquiries, they have not done so.

-- Response: INS talked with Linnon on May 2, at which time INS and Linnon talked about May 26 as appropriate response time. Linnon seemed satisfied.

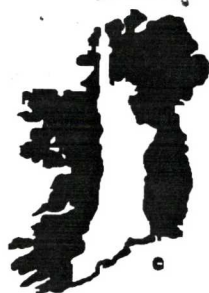
Complaint: Justice Department has requested information from their field attorneys regarding the cases of Irish nationals.

-- Response: DOJ says there has been no general polling of field attorneys re Irish nationals. However, DOJ did contact several field offices in developing information in response to a February inquiry from the Brechon Law Society concerning a number of Irish nationals. DOJ surmises that these February inquiries may be playing back to Linnon.

Tab I Incoming Linnon Letter
Tab II INS Chronology on INS-Linnon contacts
Tab III Brechon Law Society Response

cc: Nancy Soderberg

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Staff to
Ruth S.

May 12, 1995

President William Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500
VIA FAX; ORIGINAL MAILED

Dear President Clinton,

Thank you for your personal letter regarding our conversation at the White House last month about the treatment of Irish nationals in the United States. Because of your tremendous work load I was surprised, and pleased, that you followed up on it. Your resultant directive to the relevant agencies was key in opening doors regarding this problem.

The national officers of the IAUC did meet with National Security Council officials and representatives from the Immigration and Naturalization Service on March 31st. The latter agreed to get back to us in two weeks, but six weeks later we are still waiting for a response. This is extremely unfortunate because these Irish people are living in constant dread that they will be deported, their lives torn asunder, and that they will be forced to return to the very conditions from which they fled because of mortal fear. The strain on them is tremendous. Even though there is a cease fire in Northern Ireland the oppression by the security forces is still continuing and the fear of these Irish nationals, and their American wives and children, is extremely well founded.

Incidentally, on June 13th, the wives and children of some of these men targeted for deportation will be in Washington meeting with members of Congress. They would be thrilled if you and/or Mrs. Clinton could meet with them, no matter how briefly. I would be very grateful if this could be arranged. Perhaps members of the National Security Council could also be included since that was one of main topics of discussion when we met with them.

We have learned that the Justice Department has requested information from their field attorneys regarding the cases of the Irish nationals. If this is so, in the interest of fairness and objectivity, wouldn't it be appropriate for the defendants' attorneys to also submit letters?

I'm sure you are aware Mr. President, that the British are still putting road blocks in the path of peace negotiations. The insistence that Sinn Fein surrender their arms before full ministerial talks can begin is a smoke screen. No such precondition was ever even mentioned in the Downing Street Declaration or the Framework Document, both of which were heartily endorsed by many world leaders.

Now that the White House Conference for Trade and Investment is rapidly approaching perhaps it could provide an excellent opportunity for Sir Patrick Mayhew and Gerry Adams to have informal talks which could help to smooth the road to full negotiations. Unquestionably your influence could help considerably toward this end. Perhaps we could have another world famous handshake on the White House lawn.

Our brief meeting and your subsequent actions have been very beneficial in helping to address the concerns of Irish Americans. In your letter to me dated April 28th regarding the economic conference, you suggested I contact Ms. Marilyn DiGiacobbe of your staff if I have any questions. Since I think an ongoing dialogue is important to continuing good relations with the Irish community I will accept your offer and try to contact her occasionally to facilitate communications. I, in turn, will be happy to serve in any capacity toward this end.

Once again I want to thank you for all you have done to bring about a cease fire in Ireland and to promote the peace process. In our conversation I mentioned to you that many of our members across the country worked very hard on your election campaign. I'm certain they will do so again when you run for reelection. This will be especially helpful since our membership is concentrated in key states. Another thing we can do is to provide a forum via which you can make your position on Irish issues perfectly lucid to Irish Americans.

We can do this by having you address the delegates at our annual convention at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston on November 11th. At that time we would like to bestow on you the Sean MacBride International Peace Award as a token of our appreciation and also to provide a message to people everywhere about the tremendous contribution you have made to peace, not only in Ireland but in the Near East, Haiti and other locations around the globe. As you probably know, Sean MacBride was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the Lenin Peace Award, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In addition, he was a cofounder of Amnesty International. As a result, he was widely recognized as an indefatigable campaigner for peace and justice everywhere. It is only fitting that you should bask in the plaudits of his good name.

In conclusion Mr. President, we deeply appreciate all you have done. I hope you can join us at our convention.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Linnon, Ph.D.
National President

c: Ms. Nancy Soderberg, National Security Council
Mr. John Cummings, Immigration and Naturalization Service
Ms. Marilyn DiGiacobbe, Public Liaison Office

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In response to your fax of 17 May, regarding a letter of 5/12/95 from Robert C. Linnon to President Clinton, the following is provided:

1. Dr. Linnon originally requested a meeting with the AG regarding harassment by INS agents of Irish individuals here in the U.S. who purportedly had claimed asylum.

2. Per AG's office request, we set up a meeting with Dr. Linnon. During a telephone conversation to set up this meeting, it was requested that Dr. Linnon bring with him all pertinent information regarding the individuals -- by what means they claimed asylum; ie., thru Asylum Office or during a deportation hearing before an IJ -- and specific instances of to whom, where, and by whom these harassments took place.

3. We did meet with Dr. Linnon, et al, on 31 March for approximately 1 hour. Dr. Linnon and his colleagues brought only the information ~~contained in this folder~~. At the end of the meeting we told Dr. Linnon and his colleagues that we would try to get back to him in a couple of week (did not agree to meet again) on our finding regarding the list of individuals whom they claimed were being harassed by INS agents. We reiterated the need for specifics on these harassments regarding INS agents so that we could turn this information over to our Internal Audit office; that what he had given us and told us about was much too vague and general. We also explained that if these individuals were pursuing claims via an IJ, it would be out of INS's hands. (To date, we have never received any specific allegations naming INS agents.)

4. Immediately following the meeting, we ran the names on the list through the Central Index System and RAPS and found that only 1 individual filed an affirmative asylum application (scheduled for 5/23 in St. Louis--represented by an Attorney). Five individuals on the list appear to be overstays (B2 visas issued)/illegal entry/beneficiary of an Immediate Relative Petition (which would fall within the IJ jurisdiction). The rest cannot be identified thru CIS.

5. On 2 or 3 May, we responded to a call from Dr. Linnon explaining briefly that we were still working on the list of individuals; again reiterating the difference between affirmative asylum and that before an IJ and that we were contacting the Office of General Counsel regarding any deportation proceedings (of which we came up with nothing). He asked when he could expect a return call. After explaining that this office has been up to our eye balls with the Cuba/GTMO situation, (at which time he indicated he totally understood) and that ~~we~~ ^{we} would be in Guantanamo until the 19th, we indicated we would get back to him soonest upon ~~his~~ ^{his} return and we had a chance to collect the info. Dr. Linnon "offered" that he would give us a week after ~~his~~ ^{his} return and come back to us on the 26th.

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In summary, Dr. Linnon appeared comfortable with the arrangement that we would talk on 26 May. Why his comments in the second paragraph of the 12 May letter is not understood.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D.C. 20530

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mark Steinberg, Director
Executive Office for National Security

FROM: *Dana D. Biehl*
Dana D. Biehl, Deputy Chief
Terrorism and Violent Crime Section
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Letter from the Brehan Law Society to Gerry Adams

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE
FOR
NATIONAL SECURITY

You asked us to search for the background and case status of a number of terrorists of Irish descent who were listed in a letter from the Brehan Law Society to Gerry Adams. The FBI is the source for most of the information outlined herein.

As you know, release conditions or bail in the United States are set by the court and not by the Department of Justice. The court only issues its order after both counsel for the prosecution and for the defendant have had an opportunity to present, examine, and argue the evidence. It does not appear that the court in any of the listed cases was wrong. In fact, they do not appear to be close issues. The four H-Block prisoners, we think, refer to James Joseph Smyth, Kevin Barry John Artt, Paul Brennan and Terence Kirby. The letter does not identify them.

On September 25, 1983, thirty-eight inmates convicted in connection with terrorist offenses escaped from Her Majesty's Prison (HMP) Maze in Northern Ireland. In 1992, FBI investigation identified two of these Maze fugitives as James Joseph Smyth and Kevin Barry John Artt. On June 3, 1992, Smyth and Artt were arrested by the FBI on passport violations. Prior to their escapes, Smyth had been serving a 20-year sentence for attempted murder; Artt had been sentenced to life imprisonment for murder and weapons violations. Provisional arrest warrants were in place prior to their arrest and efforts to extradite them to the United Kingdom are currently underway. In 1994, Smyth was released from custody after the judge ruled he was not extraditable. The U.S. Government is currently appealing this decision. Artt remains in custody awaiting his extradition hearing.

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On January 21, 1993, Paul Brennan was arrested in San Francisco on a charge of furnishing false information in an application for a U.S. passport. Brennan was sentenced to 16 years for possession of an explosive substance with intent, and seven years for possession of a firearm and ammunition with intent in Northern Ireland in 1977. The United Kingdom is also seeking Brennan's extradition and his case is currently pending.

On February 23, 1994, Terence Kirby was arrested by the FBI in San Francisco. Kirby had been imprisoned in Northern Ireland for his involvement in a robbery of a gas station on behalf of PIRA. During the robbery, Kirby killed an elderly gas station attendant and took other persons hostage. Kirby's extradition case is currently in discovery stages. The defense is attempting to recuse the judge on the basis of his former employment with the Department of Justice.

After reviewing this information, I hope you will agree that these individuals do, in fact, pose a flight risk, since they fled Northern Ireland to the United States to avoid incarceration on charges to which they had been found guilty.

On December 20, 1994, Michael Bernard Martin, aka "Mixie," was extradited to the United States from the United Kingdom for his involvement in a conspiracy involving the purchase of 2900 detonators in Tucson, Arizona, in 1989, and the purchase and financing of a stinger missile in Florida in 1990 for the PIRA. The proceedings against Martin involve his participation in the missile conspiracy and was ongoing in Tucson, Arizona, as of March 31, 1995. Martin has been denied bail and is incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institute in Tucson.

Co-conspirators in this matter are Kevin McKinley and Seamus Moley, who served 51 months in federal prison for the attempted purchase of the stinger missile, but are now awaiting sentencing on charges involving the purchase and shipment of the detonators. On March 22, 1995, the court accepted a plea agreement worked out with McKinley and Moley, who pled guilty on charges of possession and shipment of the detonators in interstate commerce. Sentencing is scheduled for June 5, 1995. However, under the terms of the plea agreement, both individuals are expected to serve 19 additional months' imprisonment. As part of the plea agreement, after completion of sentence, both subjects will leave the United States without further legal action by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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to the United States from Germany. He was subsequently released on bond on May 29, 1992, in New York City. McGeough pled guilty on January 19, 1993, to violation of 18 U.S.C. 842(a)(3)(A) and 18 U.S.C. 922(k). He was sentenced to three years on June 10, 1993. He appealed this sentence on December 9, 1993, and lost. He has been incarcerated since March 1994.

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The United States has an extradition treaty with the United Kingdom. If requested, we have obligations under this treaty to pursue extradition on those individuals who have been convicted and then escaped or who have been charged with crimes in the United Kingdom.

Hunerwadel, Joan S.

From: Darby, M. Brooke
To: Kreczko, Alan J.; Vershbow, Alexander R.
Cc: /R, Record at A1; Baker, James E.; Bass, Peter E.; Hunerwadel, Joan S.; Marshall, Betty A.; Maxfield, Nancy H.; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Subject: Gerry Adams Visa ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
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Many thanks.

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ALAN -
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QUESTION:

CAN WE PUSH BARR TO
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THE WHITE HOUSE THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
WASHINGTON 6/3/95

May 30, 1995

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached is a Lake/Griffin/Mikva memo concerning the asylum case of James Barr, together with proposed letters to Senators Bradley and Lautenberg on the matter.

Despite his clearly unlawful entry from Northern Ireland in 1984, Barr was granted asylum last summer by an immigration judge. INS thinks the decision was clearly wrong and is appealing; Justice agrees the decision is wrong, as do Tony, Pat and Ab.

The only issue is an equitable one -- Barr has been in the U.S. 11 years and has an American wife and child. But Tony, Pat and Ab are willing to stand by the decision to appeal, especially since Barr should be able to gain relief outside the asylum context, based on his marriage.

The letters support the appeal but make clear Barr should be able to gain relief based on his marriage.

Todd
Todd Stern

Q → can we push Barr to
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Bill:

You asked me to review the deportation case of James G. Barr to ensure that Mr. Barr was being treated fairly and in accordance with the law.

As you indicated in your letter, the United States Immigration Court in Philadelphia granted Mr. Barr's application for asylum. That ruling is currently on appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals. At the request of the White House, appropriate officials at the Department of Justice have reviewed this case and decided that the appeal is appropriate.

As to Mr. Barr's marriage to an American citizen, we understand that Mr. Barr now intends to seek to adjust his status based on that relationship. Such action could moot the asylum issue.

The Department of Justice will continue to ensure that Mr. Barr is treated fairly throughout the balance of the proceedings.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

The Honorable Bill Bradley
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-3001

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To: Kreczko, Alan J.
Cc: /R, Record at A1; Hawkins, Ardenia R.; Hunerwadel, Joan S.
Subject: RE: Gerry Adams Visa ~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~
Date: Friday, June 09, 1995 11:58AM

Alan - In Sandy V. and Nancy S.'s absence, I called Paul Van Son at State today to check on Adams visa status. Justice has had the paperwork for a couple of days but hasn't signed off on it yet -- although State is told, as you suggested, that Justice has no problems with it.

Van Son told me the paperwork is with Richard Scruggs and that he (Van Son) would try to get it moving.

I know Nancy was anxious that the renewal of the visa be totally signed off on by the time his old visa runs out on Saturday. I have passed that on to Van Son. Is there any way to push this along?

Thanks for your help.

From: Kreczko, Alan J.
To: Hall, Wilma G.; Vershbow, Alexander R.
CC: /R, Record at A1; Darby, M. Brooke; @NSA - Nat'l Security Advisor
Subject: RE: Gerry Adams Visa ~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 1995 02:17 PM

Sandy,

I spoke with DOJ; they anticipate no problem in a 3 month visa. Please let me know if State encounters any difficulty with INS or DOJ on this.

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Mr. Lake has read your E-mail and noted: "SV - 3 months, OK."

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Date: Tuesday, June 06, 1995 11:55AM

For Tony Lake:

Per Nancy's request (see below), I wanted to run by you the issue of Gerry Adams' visa extension. He wants a one-year visa; Embassy Dublin, State and Justice favor another 3-month visa, lest we raise reciprocity concerns regarding Loyalists. I see nothing to be gained by giving Adams a one-year visa, especially given the snail's pace at which Sinn Fein is moving on decommissioning. Let me know if you have a different view, as the State cable authorizing a three-month visa will be crosshatched as soon as tomorrow.

Re Nancy's other question, I do not think the President needs to worry about this.

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Mark asked that they send this to you

TO: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DORIS MEISSNER, COMMISSIONER, INS

FROM: OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS - INS

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CONGRESS REGARDING IRISH NATIONALS - MAY 25

By letter dated February 14, 1995, Congressmen Manton, Neal, Gilman, and King wrote to you requesting a meeting regarding the Justice Department's handling of political asylum and deportation cases involving Irish Nationals. Most of these cases are before the Immigration Court, the BIA or other courts.

The following background information is provided about the INS' involvement with the Irish group headed by Dr. Robert Linnon, who we believe these Congressmen are representing. **INS International Affairs interaction has been with respect to so far unsubstantiated allegations of misconduct by INS officials. As indicated below, we met with this group as recently as this afternoon, May 24.**

Also attached is a memorandum prepared by the Office of General Counsel which describes 3 asylum cases involving Irish Nationals. It may be that these are the matters which are of most concern to these Congressmen.

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Robert C. Linnon, President of the Conference, requested a meeting with the Attorney General by letter dated February 28, 1995. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Irish Nationals being targeted by agents of the the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Meeting with the AG was not held. The letter was accepted and provided to the INS by fax on March 3, 1995. The INS meeting was originally scheduled for Deputy Commissioner Sale; however, following review and

determination of the information to be provided, it was recommended that the Office of International Affairs have the meeting.

International Affairs made contact with Dr. Linnon on March 21, scheduled the meeting for March 31, 1995, and the meeting was held. Dr. Linnon was requested to bring with him all pertinent information regarding the individuals -- by what means they claimed asylum; i.e., thru the affirmative asylum program or during a deportation hearing before an Immigration Judge -- and specific instances of to whom, where, and by whom these allegations of harassment by INS officers took place.

During the March 31 meeting, Dr. Linnon and his colleagues were told that we would try to get back to him in a couple of weeks on our findings regarding the list of individuals whom they claimed were being harassed by INS agents. The Irish American Unity Conference did not provide any of the requested information and all we had to work from was a list of names of Irish Nationals. We reiterated the need for specifics on the harassment claimed so that it could be provided to the Office of Internal Audit for review and investigation. It was also explained that if a claim dealt with a case before an Immigration Judge that it would be out of the INS jurisdiction. To date, we have yet to receive specific allegations.

The names provided were run through the Central Index System and the RAPS and found that only 1 individual was an affirmative asylum applicant and that his interview would be May 23 in St. Louis. Five individuals on the list appear to be overstays (B2 visas issued/illegal entry/beneficiary of an Immediate Relative Petition. No others could be identified in CIS.

On May 2 or 3 we advised Dr. Linnon that the issue was still in process, and that contact was made with the General Counsel's office to determine if there were any cases they could track through deportation proceedings. They were advised that John Cummings was in Guantanamo Bay until 19 May and Dr. Linnon said he would come back to us on May 26.

On May 12, Dr. Linnon wrote to President Clinton and advised that there was an INS meeting on March 31 and that his organization had not heard back from INS as promised to that date. On May 17, a full reporting was prepared of what had been done for the Department of Justice and the White House in order to prepare a response to Dr. Linnon's letter.

MAY 23 AND MAY 24 CONTACTS:

On May 23, Dr. Linnon spoke with International Affairs and requested an additional meeting on May 24. The meeting was set for May 24 at 4:00pm. Dr. Linnon met with John Cummings, Deputy Director, International Affairs, Mr. Michael Sheridan, Office of the General Counsel, and Mr. Dominic Wasielewski, Office of Internal Audit, INS.

A general discussion took place on the types of cases which the Irish American Unity Conference was representing, the process of claims of harassment against INS officials and how they are handled, and we attempted to once again explain affirmative asylum claims and how they are handled as well as those filed before an Immigration Judge. We offered to accept any claim by letter from an individual or Dr. Linnon which would spell out the who, why, when and how of an allegation and that INS would look into any claim of misconduct.

The representatives of the Conference advised that they needed to get back to their clients and determine if they wanted to provide specifics about the allegations of INS officer misconduct.

LITIGATION INVOLVING IRISH NATIONALS:

Attached are synopses of cases which the Office of the General Counsel has prepared regarding asylum cases by nationals of the Republic of Ireland. These cases have not been a part of the conversations with INS International Affairs.

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To: Commissioner
From: David M. Dixon
Office of the General Counsel

Asylum cases involving nationals of the Republic of Ireland

Matter of MCMULLEN, 19 INS 90 (BIA 1984), affirmed, McMullen v. INS, 788 F2d 591 (9th Cir. 1986).

The BIA held that respondent's involvement in the terrorist use of explosives and his participation in the PIRA's campaign of violence randomly directed against civilians were acts of an atrocious nature out of proportion to the political goal of achieving a united Ireland, and are not within the political offense exception. Therefore, there are "serious reasons for considering" that he has "committed serious non-political crimes" prior to his arrival in this country, making him statutorily ineligible for the relief of asylum and withholding of deportation. The Board held that the PIRA was a "clandestine, terrorist organization committed to the use of violence to achieve its objectives."

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals denied a petition for review, affirming the Board. As part of its decision the court stated: "The problem, of course, is that the PIRA is unquestionably a terrorist organization...." McMullen, at 597.

MATTER OF DOHERTY

Doherty was convicted for the murder of a British officer in Northern Ireland. He escaped from prison and surreptitiously entered this country. Placed in deportation proceedings, he applied for asylum. After the proceedings were resumed following a separate extradition proceeding, respondent conceded deportability, withdrew his asylum application and designated Ireland as the country of deportation. The INS challenged his designation of Ireland and Attorney General Meese, upon certification, ordered respondent deported to the United Kingdom.

While these proceedings were pending, respondent moved to reopen in order to apply for asylum, on the grounds that the 1987 Irish Extradition Act was a new fact. The BIA granted the motion to reopen and Attorney General Thornburgh, on certification, reversed the BIA. The 2d Circuit Court of Appeals reviewed both the Meese and the Thornburgh orders, affirming the Meese order but reversing the Thornburgh order. The Supreme Court granted Certiorari.

The Supreme Court reversed, holding that the Attorney General was justified in denying the motion to reopen because the motion presented no new factual claims and did not explain why the issues he sought to raise were not pursued earlier.

MATTER OF JAMES G. BARR

This matter is now pending before the BIA on Service appeal from grant of asylum. He had earlier waived his right to claim asylum, and accepted a grant of voluntary departure. He claimed a fear of persecution in Eire, because Eire, supposedly, would extradite him to the United Kingdom, without due process, to face charges related to a shooting incident between UK authorities and an INLA unit. He also claimed that the UK Government persecutes Catholics in Northern Ireland with Republican convictions. The bases of the Service appeal:

--the judge improperly reopened the case, in light of the decision in INS v. Doherty, 12 S.Ct. 719 (1992);

--the respondent's claims about Irish law were not correct; he could not be extradited from Ireland, without ample due process; and his extradition would be quite unlikely, given that the UK Court of Appeal for Northern Ireland held the informant's testimony not worthy of belief.

--as in cases from other countries under civil war or strife, the harms associated with the conflict in Northern Ireland are incidents of the civil strife, and not "on account of" one of the 5 statutory grounds. Elias-Zacharias, Matter of R. Int. Dec. 3195 (BIA 1992); Matter of J. Int. Dec. 3187 (BIA 1992).

Mr. Barr's reply to the supplemental Service brief is due 6/5/95

Mr. Barr has since married a US citizen. From discussions with his counsel, the Service understands that Mrs. Barr intends to file an alien relative visa petition for him. Since he married while in deportation proceedings, there must be clear and convincing evidence that the marriage is bona fide. But the Service also understands they have had a child together. If the visa petition is approved, it is likely Mr. Barr would then ask the BIA to remand the case to the immigration judge so that Mr. Barr can apply for permanent residence.

In fiscal year 1993, the INS admitted 13,590 persons of Irish birth as immigrants, 167,494 as nonimmigrants. In fiscal year 1992, the INS admitted 12,226 persons of Irish birth as immigrants, 154,126 as nonimmigrants. In neither year did the INS report enough persons of Irish nationality for that category to register separately in its statistics on removal by nationality. [We will seek to obtain further statistical information in advance of the May 25, 1995 meeting.]

Mike

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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September 20, 1995

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY SODERBERG

FROM: ALAN KRECZKO *AK*
SUBJECT: Matt Morrison Deportaton

Attached at Tab I for your signature is a letter to Father O'Sullivan explainings that only a new law passed by Congress can change the situation. Mary Ann Peters has sent a package forward for Tony to also reply to Father O'Sullivan.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Letter to Father O'Sullivan
Tab II Incoming Correspondence from Fr. O'Sullivan
Tab III Original Package 2828



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Father O'Sullivan:

Thank you for your recent letter about the peace process in Northern Ireland. I appreciate your kind words about the efforts the President has made to foster an environment in which a lasting peace can take hold.

You mentioned the issue of Irish nationals facing deportation from the United States and the case of Matt Morrison of St. Louis in particular. The circumstances of each case are different, but the Justice Department has assured us that they will be handled fairly under the law.

Due to privacy interests, I am unable to discuss the specific facts of the particular case of Matthew Morrison. However, you should be aware that under existing laws, an alien who is excludable is ineligible for permanent residence in the United States. An alien who has "engaged in a terrorist activity" is excludable from the United States under section 212(a)(3)(B)(i)(I) of the INA and an alien who has been convicted of a "crime involving moral turpitude" is excludable under section 212(a)(2)(A)(i)(I). Although it is possible for the INS to waive some grounds of exclusion, there is no waiver for "engaging in a terrorist

activity" or for some "crimes involving moral turpitude," such as murder or attempted murder. See section 212(h) of the INA. The inability to waive these exclusions was mandated by Congress; the Executive branch has no discretion to grant permanent residence in such cases.

The Administration will continue to do everything possible to support the peace process. As you may know, the President will visit the U.K. and Ireland in the fall, including a visit to Northern Ireland. It will be a special privilege to experience the changed climate there.

It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Soderberg
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

The Reverend James J. O'Sullivan
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August 3, 1995

Ms. Nancy Sodeberg
Presidential Advisor
National Security Council
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington DC 20506

Dear Ms. Sodeberg:

The present cease-fire in Northern Ireland has held for twelve months. Both communities of Northern Ireland are committed to the peace process; however, negotiations inclusive of all previous combatants should replace the absence of war now. This has certainly been demanded time and time again by Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein. The British have ignored this present peace opportunity, especially in their shut-out treatment of Sinn Fein when it comes to serious peace discussions.

There has been good discussion here in the United States and Southern Ireland with courteous representation from both communities without any fireworks. The civil life of Northern Ireland is returning to normality. I believe President Bill Clinton with his administration has done more to foster this necessary environment for real peace in Ireland than all previous U.S. administrations singly or cumulatively. This peace process cannot be stopped by stalling or fudging, peace must and will come.

The more normal and non-combative life becomes in Northern Ireland the nearer we come to true national peace. It is neither normal nor peace-inducive that no nationalist political prisoners have been released in Northern Ireland or Britain since the peace process began; some of these prisoners have already served twenty years and more on dubious charges by Diplock courts. In fact, their present conditions in prison have become marginally worse! Southern Ireland has released some prisoners but why are we, the U.S.A., not releasing Irish political prisoners held for Britain in our jails? Let's move from a war footing to peace and normality. Our special relationship with the United Kingdom will survive this awful justice, I assure you.

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To Alan-
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should I say

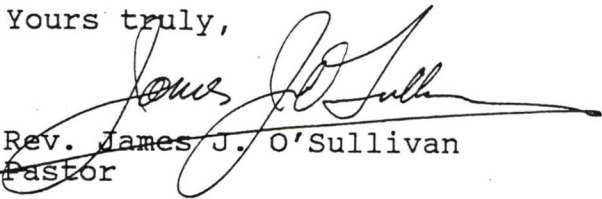
Ms. Nancy Sodeberg
August 3, 1995
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One more assist to normality and peace on the administration's behalf would be to review the list of Irish political immigrants the British want you to expel and return to U.K. prisons. The vast majority have married American spouses, raised families, and are worthwhile, achieving members of their communities--just normal folks, so let's treat them as such by letting them stay right here like any other normal immigrant. I make this appeal especially for a young man, Matt Morrison, and his wife, Francie, and their children in Saint Louis, Missouri, whom I have come to know and admire.

Let us move on; Southern Ireland has moved on, even the unionists of Northern Ireland have moved on. Maybe, then, Britain also will move on to accepting normality and peace.

Yesterday's terrorists have a strange way of becoming tomorrow's patriots and statesmen. You will hear from Gerry Adams and Matt Morrison again some day just as we now hear from Mandella and lionize him as a world statesman. Matt is a super sharp-minded young man with many talents and excellent qualities. He is a natural leader and politician. God bless him. Give him a chance.

Yours truly,



Rev. James J. O'Sullivan
Pastor

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 1, 1995

Nancy,

On both of the attached packages you asked whether the Morrison case hadn't been resolved through an adjustment of status based on marriage.

I think you are confusing the Morrison case with the Barr case (which was handled by Bruce Morrison). Both are married to Americans. The key difference between them is that Morrison was a member of the IRA and therefore statutorily barred from adjustment of status. (He actually has a second statutory bar to adjustment of status: his conviction of attempted murder in the UK.) Morrison's statutory bars to adjustment of status are not waivable. He therefore has no legal option of adjustment.

Barr on the other hand apparently does not have an adjustment bar. His lawyer (Bruce Morrison) did file for an adjustment of status, but he did it in the wrong place. INS told Barr to refile; that apparently has not been done. (As you know, Bruce is no longer his lawyer.)

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TO Alan -

Thanks. Can I get a draft letter back which explains the statutory bars & explains that only a new law passed by Congress can change the situation.
Thanks. n)

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The White House

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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April 12, 1995

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY SODERBERG

FROM: ALAN KRECZKO *AK*

SUBJECT: Deportation Case of Matthew Morrison

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4/11/95

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March 30, 1995

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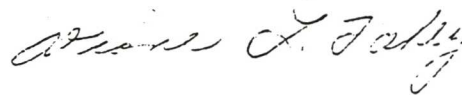
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April 12, 1995

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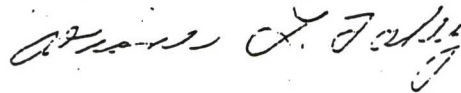
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