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MEMORANDUM FOR:

M. Brooke Darby

(DARBY)

FROM:

Julien D. LeBourgeois
(LEBOURGEOIS)

SUBJECT:

Note for Nancy

Nancy --

John Tefft's office just called, having gotten wind (not from me!) of your meeting tomorrow at 11:00 AM with the FBI. State would like to attend, with one officer from Tefft's office and possibly one other from the counter-terrorism office (S/CT).

Would this be OK? I said I would call back early 1/14 with an answer. Thanks for your help.

Julien

CC: Records

(RECORDS)

J- This is getting to be a big meeting. I'd rather not expand it any further - there's simply not ~~that~~ that much room in my Office. Do we normally invite State to our briefings? Discuss with Mike W & George + let's discuss in the am

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MANDELA QUOTES ON ARMED STRUGGLE

To R. -
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pulling arafat smts

On his release from prison -- 2/14/90

m.

- While Mandela said the ANC "will pursue the armed struggle against the government as long as the violence of apartheid continues," he added that those "armed combatants act under the political leadership of the ANC."
- "The hijacking and setting alight of vehicles and the harassment of innocent people are criminal acts and have no place in our struggle."
- "Our resort to the armed struggle in 1960 with the formation of the military wing of the ANC was a purely defensive action against the violence of apartheid. The factors which necessitated the armed struggle still exist today. We have no option but to continue."
- "Now is the time to intensify the struggle on all fronts. To relax our efforts now would be a mistake that generations to come will not be able to forgive."
- "We must clearly demonstrate our goodwill to our white compatriots and convince them by our conduct and arguments that a South Africa without apartheid will be a better home for all."
- "We will seize the earliest opportunity of settling our problems through peaceful means."
- "A climate conducive to a negotiated settlement would be created soon, so that there may no longer be the need for the armed struggle."

Meeting w/Bush at WH -- 6/25/90

- "When a government decided to ban political organizations of the oppressed, intensifies oppression and does not allow any free political activity, no matter how peaceful and nonviolent, then the people have no alternative but to resort to violence."
- "From 1986, when we launched this initiative and started urging the government to sit down and talk to us, we deliberately scaled down our armed operations in order to contribute towards an atmosphere which is conducive to a negotiated settlement." He added that once the government had removed all obstacles to negotiations, which is expected in the next few months, "we will then consider the cessation of hostilities."
- "If we are forced to resort to violence, it is because we had no other alternative whatsoever."

from Peter

State -- Given Adams' continued role in terrorism, his failure to date to endorse the Joint Declaration and the strong British opposition to our issuing the visa, Secretary Christopher strongly opposes issuing the visa. He believes that it is a mistake to override London's objections on this sensitive matter at a time when we are working closely with the British on many more important subjects (e.g., P4P implementation, Bosnia, the remaining GATT issues). However, if we can come up with a proposal that the British can live with (i.e., one that gets Adams to renounce violence and accept the Joint Declaration), Secretary Christopher would not oppose us issuing the visa although he does not want the U.S. to enter into a negotiation with Adams over the terms of what he is expected to do. Furthermore, Secretary Christopher objects to our appearing to be willing to enter into the negotiations over Northern Ireland - an issue that he considers has demonstrated it is hopelessly difficult to resolve.



PRESS RELEASE

The following is the text of a statement issued to our office.
30/1/94

Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams commenting on the incidents in San Diego, the United States, said:

"I unreservedly condemn these incidents in San Diego, as I do all attacks on innocent civilians anywhere.

"It is absurd to even associate this incident with Irish Republicans.

"It appears to be the work of elements who seek to sabotage efforts to rally support in the U.S. for the peace process in Ireland."

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George Schwab.
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U. S. A.

January 12, 1994.

A chairde,

I thank you for your invitation of January 4. I will be applying for a visa at the U.S. Embassy in Dublin on Friday January 14 to enable me to attend the conference.

I trust that a successful visa application will enable me to contribute to the understanding of the conditions required to secure a negotiated settlement and a lasting peace in Ireland.

Is mise le meas,

G. Adams

G. Adams,
President of Sinn Féin.

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January 14, 1994

John Hume M.P., M.E.P.
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FAX #: 011-44-232-669-009

Dear Mr. Hume:

We are pleased to confirm the plans for the National Committee on American Foreign Policy's conference on Northern Ireland. The conference will be held at 1:30pm on February 1, 1994 at The Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Park Avenue in New York City. Ambassador Angier Biddle Duke will serve as the chairman and moderator.

Each speaker will appear separately. He will be given 20-25 minutes to make his presentation, with an additional 20-25 minutes to take questions from the audience. We ask your cooperation in this matter. There need not be a debate of the various views voiced. We would appreciate a written copy of your remarks, which, with your permission, will be released to the press and published in the National Committee's newsletter.

As the conference date draws near we will provide you with the exact time of your individual presentation. We will also provide you with information regarding security and press concerns. However, we do ask that you make yourself available for the entire day on February first, so that we may arrange any desired press coverage for you and your views.

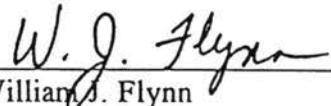
Accommodations have been reserved for you at the Waldorf Astoria on the evenings of Monday January 31, 1994 and Tuesday, February 1, 1994 as a guest of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy.

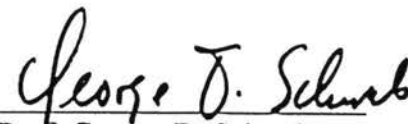
In addition, the Committee is prepared to pay round-trip economy airfare for you if your party has difficulty financing your transportation costs. We will require a receipt for payment of all expenses.

As soon as you know your travel plans, kindly notify us of your flight no., arrival airport (Kennedy, LaGuardia, or Newark), and the date and time of your arrival. Kindly proceed to the VIP Lounge, where a representative of the National Committee will meet you and arrange your transportation to the hotel.

We look forward to welcoming you to New York City for the February 1, 1994 conference. With very best wishes.

Sincerely,


William J. Flynn
Chairman of the Board


Prof. George D. Schwab
President

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January 4, 1994

Mr. John Hume, MP, MEP
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Belfast BT979T
Northern Ireland

Dear Mr. Hume:

In light of your important role in Northern Ireland's proposed Joint Declaration for Peace, and the large scale interest in the United States, we would like to invite you to address a conference on Northern Ireland. It will be held in New York on Monday, January 31, and/or Tuesday, February 1, 1994 and hosted by the National Committee on American Foreign Policy.

In addition, we are inviting Gerry Adams, leader of the Sinn Fein party, Dr. John Alderdice, leader of the Alliance Party, Rt. Hon. James Molyneux, leader of the Official Unionist Party and Dr. Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party. In this respect, we believe we will be hearing from all the major political party leaders in Northern Ireland.

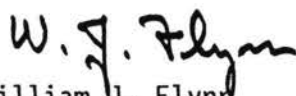
The format will be a simple one and need not involve joint appearances by the party leaders. Each participant will be asked to speak for approximately thirty minutes and then take questions, after which there will be a break. In the evening, there will be a reception to which all the leaders will be invited.

The public attendance at this conference will be limited and on an invitational basis only. Media will be invited with an opportunity for individual press conferences available if you so desire.

The issue of Northern Ireland is of great interest to Americans, especially those 44 million of Irish descent who are drawn almost equally from the two great traditions of Ireland. We hope that by your presence, you will help us all achieve a much greater understanding of this issue, particularly at this time of momentous opportunity.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. J. Flynn". The script is fluid and cursive.

William J. Flynn
Chairman of the Board

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Schwab". The script is fluid and cursive.

George Schwab
President

WJF/GS/tel

By Maol Muire Tynan
Political Reporter

OFFICIALS, acting as intermediaries for the Government, are expected to meet senior members of Sinn Féin shortly to clarify aspects of the Downing Street Declaration. *The Irish Times* has learned.

It has also emerged that Sinn Féin may not issue its response to the declaration before its ard-fheis at the end of February and yesterday, the party's vice-president, Mr Pat Doherty, told journalists he could not predict whether their reaction would even be clear by Easter.

It is understood that the Sinn Féin president, Mr Gerry Adams, has received no response yet from either the Taoiseach, Mr Reynolds, or the British Prime Minister, Mr Major, to whom he wrote seeking clarification of the text. There are apparently no plans to hold talks between the republican movement and representatives of the British government.

Discussions between Sinn Féin members and Government officials are expected to take place within weeks to probe a number of key areas — including the issue of self-determination and the unionist veto — which republi-

cans say are a cause for concern.

A Government spokesman last night said that the long-standing policy on talks with Sinn Féin remained the same. They were not possible while the party continued its support for violence, he said.

Dialogue between officials and Sinn Féin representatives is understood to have also taken place prior to the signing of the declaration on December 15th. The fact that officials acted as intermediaries left the Government at a distance and free to say it would not talk to Sinn Féin while the party supported the IRA campaign of violence.

Contacts between Irish officials and Sinn Féin — however tenuous

— would be likely to irritate the British government though it had links of communication with Sinn Féin/IRA up to early last year.

These secret contacts, when revealed, provoked considerable annoyance in Dublin in the final meetings between Mr Reynolds and Mr Major prior to the declaration.

Meanwhile, *The Irish Times* has learned that a group of TDs, including four deputies from the Government parties, are to meet Ulster Unionist politicians and members of the loyalist community at a north Antrim venue at the end of January.

The TDs scheduled to travel are Fianna Fáil backbenchers. Mr

Dermot Ahern — who is also chairman of the British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Group — and Mr Micheal Martin, chairman of Ogra Fianna Fáil, Labour's Mr Joe Costello and Mr Derek McDowell, Mr Enda Kenny and Mr Jim O'Keefe of Fine Gael.

The venture involving politicians from Dublin and loyalists is understood to be the first of its kind and is believed to have been arranged by members of the Quaker community in the North.

Mr O'Keefe, who is chairman of the Oireachtas Northern Ireland sub-committee, said it would be "a quiet arrangement to discuss matters with politicians who might otherwise be slow to talk to

us". Under the circumstances, he added, it would be inappropriate to discuss the issue further.

In an address to diplomats presenting their New Year greetings, the President, Mrs Robinson, yesterday said the Joint Declaration marked a "historic attempt to bring an end to violence and to effect a profound transformation of the relationships between the different traditions which share this island".

"People throughout Ireland, North and South, and throughout these islands, have a deep yearning for peace. They wish to see the present opportunity taken to bring violence and suffering to an end

forever. They hope that those who currently espouse violence will renounce it and will instead devote themselves exclusively to the democratic political process," she added.

She prayed to have these passionate hopes fulfilled this year and that a new impetus would be given to the search for a lasting and comprehensive political settlement which would bring peace to Ireland.

Announcing the establishment of a "Sinn Féin Peace Commission" to canvass the views of the public on the Downing Street Declaration, Mr Doherty confirmed that the party's response

would not be made until after a detailed process of internal and external dialogue was complete. While arriving at a definite position was a priority, it could take a considerable length of time, he said, and it was impossible to say when the process of dialogue and discussion would be finished.

Denying charges of procrastination, Mr Doherty said that a series of internal meetings had been held with Sinn Féin members North and South, but the debate had to be conducted in cumainn and comhairle ceanntair before another round of consultation took place. The party wanted a "very very deep and sincere consultation" internally, he added.

The party's chairman, Mr Tom Hartley, described the present situation as "unacceptable and an intolerable stand-off". Reiterating the need for clarification of the declaration, as well as "unconditional dialogue with both Governments", he said there was "in our view the potential for progress towards a lasting peace".

President praises 'historic' declaration: page 7; Taoiseach's speech valuable to peace quest: page 14

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FAX #: 011-44-232-231-723

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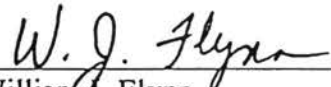
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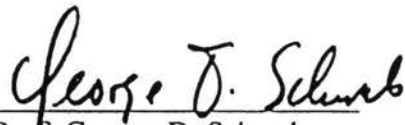
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Sincerely,


William J. Flynn
Chairman of the Board


Prof. George D. Schwab
President

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 15, 1994

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

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing in support of Gerry Adams' application for a visa to visit the United States. As the leader of the Sinn Fein political party in Northern Ireland, Mr. Adams has a critical role to play in advancing the current all-important peace process in Northern Ireland.

In the past, Mr. Adams' relationship with the Irish Republican Army and his refusal to disavow its campaign of violence have been the basis for denying his visa applications. But we believe that granting a visa at this time will enhance, not undermine, the peace process.

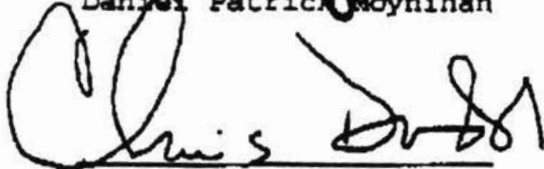
As you know, recent developments have led to the best hope in many years for an end to the bloodshed in Northern Ireland and a peaceful resolution of the conflict there. The leader of the SDLP, John Hume, has engaged in a dialogue with Mr. Adams, and the British Government itself has had contacts with the IRA. The recent widely acclaimed Joint Declaration by the British and Irish Governments has set forth proposals to encourage such dialogue and to achieve an end to the violence in Northern Ireland.

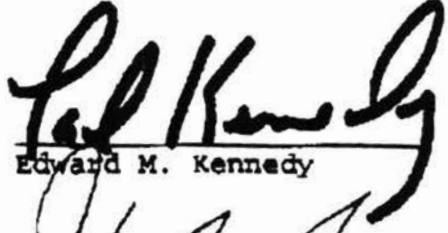
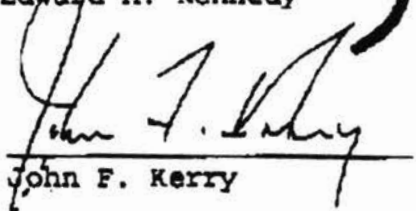
Under these circumstances, we believe that it is important for the United States to facilitate the emerging dialogue as an alternative to violence by granting Mr. Adams the right to travel to the United States. If this country is to do its part to encourage these recent developments, it must act in a timely way to encourage constructive dialogue aimed at achieving an end to the violence.

While no one can be certain that a visa for Mr. Adams will result in the IRA's accepting the conditions established by Ireland and Great Britain for participation in the peace process, the United States cannot afford to ignore this possibility and miss this rare opportunity for our country to contribute to peace in Northern Ireland.

We urge you to act favorably on Mr. Adams' request.

Respectfully,


Daniel Patrick Moynihan

Christopher J. Dodd


Edward M. Kennedy

John F. Kerry

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TO: Nancy Soderberg
FROM: N. Anne O'Dowd

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MARIO M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

January 19, 1994

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

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to join many Senators, Members of Congress, and other leaders in asking you to grant Gerry Adams a visa to visit the United States.

An invitation has been extended to Mr. Adams and four other major party leaders in Northern Ireland to participate in a conference sponsored by the National Committee on American Foreign Policy in New York at the end of this month.

As you know, recent developments represent the best hope in years for an end to the violence and bloodshed in Northern Ireland and a peaceful resolution to the conflict there. By allowing Gerry Adams the opportunity to come to the United States and articulate his views on the steps necessary to obtain peace, we can only enhance the prospects for a real and lasting cessation of the tragedy and pain for the people of Ireland.

The potential for peace in Northern Ireland is of significant concern to people everywhere, especially the three million individuals of Irish heritage in New York State. There is no question that dialogue among the parties involved will enhance the prospects for peace, and granting a visa to Gerry Adams may facilitate such a positive exchange.

I urge you to act favorably on his request.

Sincerely,

Mario M. Cuomo
Governor

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Jane Jenoune
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1994

CC to
TARA
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Dear Mr. Adams:

Thank you for your letter to President Clinton of March 31. He has asked me to reply on his behalf.

As the President said publicly upon the announcement of the IRA's three day cessation of violence, we hope that Sinn Fein and the IRA will renounce violence permanently and endorse the Joint Declaration as the best path forward for peace in Northern Ireland. We have repeatedly urged all involved to end the use of violence as a means of advancing political goals; it is time for the people of Northern Ireland to resolve their differences through dialogue and negotiations. It was in that spirit that the President permitted your attendance at the peace conference in New York earlier this year.

As the end of the three-day ceasefire approaches, I urge you to work to prevent a resumption of the violence that has cost so many lives and to bring about an end to the IRA's killing once and for all. I know you have been pressing for the British government to enter into a dialogue with you. It has been pressing you for a permanent renunciation of violence and an endorsement of the Joint Declaration. In his letter sent to you yesterday, Prime Minister Major's Private Secretary Roderic Lyne set out a path for achieving the objectives you seek. Extending the ceasefire permanently could clearly lead to the dialogue outlined in Mr. Lyne's letter and I hope you will work to achieve that goal.

Again, the people of Northern Ireland have suffered the violence for too long and deserve a lasting peace. We look forward to making progress toward the important and long overdue objective.

Sincerely,



Anthony Lake
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Mr. Gerry Adams
President
Sinn Fein
51/55 Bothar ne bhFal
Beal Feirste BT12 4PD
IRELAND

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

You personally renounce
violence and will work
to that end; and that ~~the~~
Sinn Féin and the IRA
are ~~are~~ prepared to seek
an end to the conflict
on the basis of the
Joint Declaration.

Replacement for paragraph 4 of cable:

The Consul General at the action post should make clear that we do not envision providing Adams a visa for events outside the conference.

The Consul General should convey the following points to Adams:

The Administration is reviewing your January 14 application to attend the conference on Northern Ireland hosted by the National Committee on American Foreign Policy on February 1, 1994 in light of events flowing from the December 15 Joint Declaration by Prime Minister Reynolds and Prime Minister Major.

In making a decision on whether to grant you a waiver of your ineligibility, it is important for us to have an understanding of your position on achieving peace in Northern Ireland.

We therefore must know whether you will state publicly that:

"You personally renounce violence and will work to that end; and that Sinn Fein and the IRA are ~~prepared to seek an end~~ to the conflict on the basis of the Joint Declaration."

We believe at this crucial time all parties to the conflict in Northern Ireland must renounce violence and pursue peace through constructive dialogue. Our decision on whether to provide you with a visa will depend on whether you are willing to take this important step toward peace.

Committed to ending

8/31

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EMBASSY OF IRELAND
2234 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008

13 January 1994

Ms Nancy Soderberg
Special Assistant to the President
and NSC Staff Director
The White House
WASHINGTON DC 20500

Re: Government Contacts with Sinn Fein/IRA

Dear Nancy

I thought you would be interested in the attached statement by the Tanaiste, Mr Spring, in which he denies a newspaper report this morning that there has been a change in Government policy in relation to negotiations or direct contact with organizations which are engaged in or which support violence.

Copy of the newspaper article is also enclosed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Michael Collins', written over a circular stamp.

Michael Collins

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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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STATEMENT BY MR. DICK SPRING, T.D.

TANAISTE AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

13 January, 1994

There has been no change in Government policy in relation to negotiations or direct contact with organisations which are engaged in or which support violence.

No official of the Irish Government has been authorised to have any such contact or engage in any such negotiations. Stories in some of this morning's newspapers which imply anything to the contrary are inaccurate and totally without foundation.

To Home

We are concerned about ~~three~~ ^{bomb threats} ~~bomb~~ ^{in San Diego} ~~scare~~ ^{reported} to have been ^{carried out} ~~planned~~ ^{So. California} by I.R.A. ~~supporters~~

We are inclined to issue him a US+
for the conference only; but given this
latest report it is difficult for us
to do so about a condemnation of
the San Diego threat.

Please approach Adams & ask
him if would renounce/denounce/condemn
the San Diego actions and state the I.R.A.
had nothing to do with them. ~~to~~ ~~and~~
~~denounce~~ ^{all} ~~any~~ ^{and actions} threats ~~and~~
innocent civilians anywhere.

We also
~~hope~~
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to renounce

It would be important for him
if at all possible, press him ~~to~~ also to
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

January 10, 1994

NOTE TO NANCY

FROM: BROOKE

I checked with Julien LeBourgeois re: status of Gerry Adams visa memo. He isn't sure of the status of a memo to Tony but said they did receive the attached from State this morning.

I have sent an e-mail to Jane on the road inquiring about the status. When I spoke to her early on Saturday, she said that she would work on the memo on the road once she received State's info.

I'll let you know when I hear from Jane.

SUBJECT: Helping the Peace Process

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Summary

U.S. influence on the peace process is limited. The Administration has effectively supported the process through two well-received Presidential statements. In the effort to bring Sinn Fein into the peace process, the prospect of a U.S. visa for Gerry Adams -- if he participates in the peace process -- might have a marginal impact on Adams' actions. While the President has already highlighted that linkage, contact with Adams if/when he applies for a U.S. visa would allow us to underline the point. The U.S. must be careful, in any interaction with Gerry Adams, not to alienate the moderate Unionists; the U.S. could contribute to efforts to reduce that community's isolation. [A U.S. investment/business promotion initiative would also show our concern and help address conditions in Northern Ireland which feed violence.] Working with the Catholic and Protestant church leaders on an initiative would also raise our profile.

Sinn Fein/Gerry Adams

A primary objective of the Reynolds-Major peace initiative has been to induce the IRA and their political allies in Sinn Fein to halt the terrorist violence. The prospect of a visa for Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams might provide marginal enticement to Adams/Sinn Fein to lay down their arms and join the peace process. However, to be effective, that visa must only be a response to actions on Adams' part, not an enticement with hopes of future Adams' actions. To underline the clarity of the President's message in the December 22 Irish Times, a meeting of the Consul General with Adams when he applies for a visa might be useful. The CG could underline the President's message: renounce violence unambiguously and join the process, and the U.S. would be prepared to consider a waiver of Adams' ineligibility.

Helping Break Unionist Isolation

We must anticipate that Adams will exploit any contact to his own ends. Partly for that reason, care must be taken not to alienate the already-isolated Unionist community. Several actions might be considered. Enhanced dialogue with UUP leader James Molyneaux, who has been quietly supportive of the peace process, would highlight our desire to engage all elements in Northern Ireland. NDI funding for moderate Unionist political parties, which we believe has been approved in principle, to match our support for the Catholic SDLP, would also help.

Business Promotion

The depressed economic conditions of key areas of Northern Ireland, and the resultant impact on popular attitudes (especially youth) would make a U.S. business/investment promotion initiative particularly welcome. We already fund IFI projects, and should continue to do so. The Department of Commerce and OPIC could be mobilized to undertake similar initiatives.

Prayer Initiative

Working with the Catholic and Anglican/Protestant Church leaders on an initiative to bring the communities together, including, e.g., through a prayer breakfast in Washington, would raise our profile and support the Anglo-Irish efforts.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: JENONNE WALKER
FROM: JANE E. HOLL
SUBJECT: Northern Ireland

Some developments in the Gerry Adams visa case you should be aware of:

- We have heard informally that Adams will apply for a visa in the next week or so ~~(it is possible even by the end of this week)~~ in order to accept an invitation to come to the U.S. on January 26 as part of a program to permit all parties to the Northern Ireland dispute to air their positions (at the invitation of William Flynn, Chairman of the Board of Mutual of America Life Insurance Company).
- The Irish ~~have been pushing~~ us to grant Adams a visa and use the opportunity to pressure him to accept the December 15 Joint Declaration. The British have opposed granting the visa in advance of Adams' renunciation of violence and demonstrated intent to carry through.
- Embassy Dublin has heard that in the NATO bilateral between the President and Prime Minister Major that Major "accepted our proposal on Northern Ireland," and that now there is talk in Dublin of "a U.S. proposal" regarding next steps on Northern Ireland.

What we would propose is the following:

- When Adams' applies for a visa, use the occasion to engage him in a dialogue regarding his intent with respect to the December 15 declaration.
- The Consul General would underline the President's message of December 22 in the Irish Times, and make explicit to Adams that we would be prepared to grant a waiver of his visa request if he would renounce violence and join the peace process.
- If Adams' accepts our terms, we would issue ~~the visa~~ ^{an immediate visa waiver}.
[[actions we might take to keep pressure on him to follow through with his pledge.]]

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- If Adams balks and goes public with our discussions, we would
- We would also have to ensure that we do not alienate the Unionist community. Actions we might take include:
 - Engage UUP leader James Molyneaux -- who has been quietly supportive of the peace process -- in an enhanced dialogue.
 - Consider NDI funding for moderate Unionist political parties to match our support for the Catholic SDLP.
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(In related developments, apparently both Prime Minister Reynolds and John Hume have registered their dissatisfactions that their conversations with Jean Kennedy Smith have been leaked -- Reynolds heard accounts of his talks with Smith from the British Ambassador in Dublin, and Hume was upset that Ray Flynn apparently had "all the cables" of his discussions with Smith.)

Recommendation

If you approve this strategy, we will discuss this issue with State and develop a memorandum for the President's decision.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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January 14, 1994

Dr. John T. Alderdice
Alliance Party
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FAX #: 011-44-232-796-689

Dear Dr. Alderdice:

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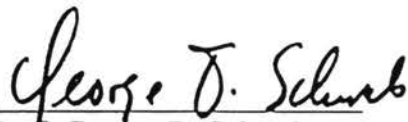
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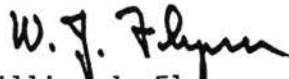
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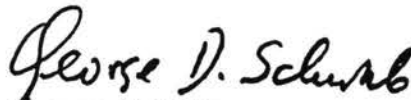
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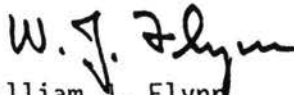
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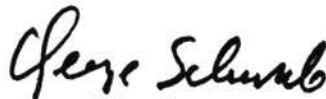
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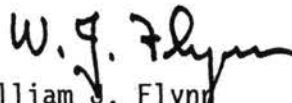
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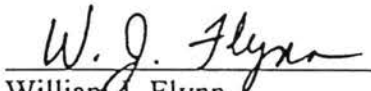
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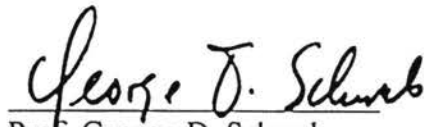
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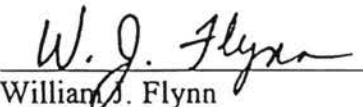
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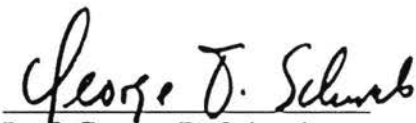
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Looking forward to meeting you on January 31/February 1.

Yours sincerely,



Dr John T Alderdice
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Mr William J Flynn
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Dear Mr Flynn

I refer to the invitation from the National Committee on American Foreign Policy for Mr Molyneaux to attend a Conference on Northern Ireland in The Waldorf Astoria Hotel on February 1st. Mr Molyneaux regrets that he will be unable to attend as it is likely that the President of Sinn Fein may also be present.

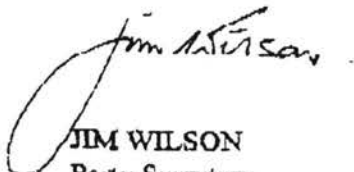
The Ulster Unionist Party's position is that if the violence of the IRA continues unabated, it cannot, as a matter of principle, contribute to any seminar or debate which would enhance the cause which Gerry Adams espouses to the detriment of both traditions in Northern Ireland.

However, should a situation arise whereby no Sinn Fein representative is to speak to the Conference, it is possible that Mr Ken Maginnis MP would attend even at very short notice.

I hope this clarifies the matter which as you can see from the attached cutting from this morning's Irish Times is generating considerable media interest and speculation.

It would be helpful if you could acknowledge receipt of this fax.

Yours sincerely


JIM WILSON
Party Secretary

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John Alderdice

- Molyneaux - not if Adams
attends

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January 4, 1994

Mr. Gerry Adams
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Northern Ireland

Dear Mr. Hume:

In light of your important role in Northern Ireland's proposed Joint Declaration for Peace, and the large scale interest in the United States, we would like to invite you to address a conference on Northern Ireland. It will be held in New York on Monday, January 31, and/or Tuesday, February 1, 1994 and hosted by the National Committee on American Foreign Policy.

In addition, we are inviting Dr. John Alderdice, leader of the Alliance Party, John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, James Molyneux, leader of the Official Unionist Party and Dr. Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party. In this respect, we believe we will be hearing from all the major political party leaders in Northern Ireland.

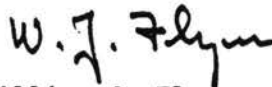
The format will be a simple one and need not involve joint appearances by the party leaders. Each participant will be asked to speak for approximately thirty minutes and then take questions, after which there will be a break. In the evening, there will be a reception to which all the leaders will be invited.

The public attendance at this conference will be limited and on an invitational basis only. Media will be invited with an opportunity for individual press conferences available if you so desire.

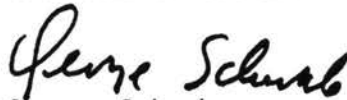
The issue of Northern Ireland is of great interest to Americans, especially those 44 million of Irish descent who are drawn almost equally from the two great traditions of Ireland. We hope that by your presence, you will help us all achieve a much greater understanding of this issue, particularly at this time of momentous opportunity.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. J. Flynn".

William J. Flynn
Chairman of the Board

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Schwab".

George Schwab
President

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Letter to the Editor

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

January 7, 1994

NOTE TO TONY

FROM: NANCY²

FYI - attached (pg. 2) is the language on the Adams visa saying that we'll "keep the issue under review" in light of events following the Joint Declaration.

We were more explicit in the Oxman cable to Jean Smith (also attached) linking the visa explicitly to Adams' renunciation of violence and taking steps to join the political process. The latter point, however, has not been made public.

RESPONSES TO CONOR O'CLERY QUESTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT
ON NORTHERN IRELAND

Q. How has the end of the Cold War changed the special strategic relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom, and is this reflected in U.S. policy on Northern Ireland?

A. I have made clear that as long as I am President, the United States' relationship with the United Kingdom will indeed be special. Our relationship with the United Kingdom is unique and historic and we continue to share a common strategic world vision and a commitment to acting on common values. We are working closely together on issues ranging from trade negotiations to NATO reform.

U.S. policy on Northern Ireland is made in the context of the deep ties of friendship and history the American people enjoy with the peoples of both Ireland and Britain. In a time in which the headlines remind us daily of the folly of violent nationalism in Europe and, at the same time, the new hope for peace in the Middle East, I want to add America's voice, and my personal support, to the forces of peace in Northern Ireland.

Q. You have said you are prepared to work aggressively to promote efforts to achieve peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. In what way will you do this and in the future?

A. In the early weeks of my Presidency, I reviewed in detail the situation in Northern Ireland. I discussed the issue with Prime Minister Major in February and Prime Minister Reynolds in March. Taking these discussions and our own review into account, I have kept the idea of a special U.S. representative under active consideration. At the same time, I have strongly supported Irish and British government efforts to restart a serious political dialogue involving the two governments and the parties to the conflict in Northern Ireland.

I also committed the Administration to taking the initiative, for the first time, in seeking funding in our budget request for the International Fund for Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Throughout this year, we have reiterated on numerous occasions our rejection of violence by any side and our support for the political process. I again underscored publicly my strong interest in promoting peace and reconciliation on October 30 in support of the efforts of the Irish and British governments, and yet again when I met with Irish Deputy Prime Minister Dick Spring November 16.

I am convinced the December 15 Joint Declaration of Prime Minister Reynolds and Prime Minister Major offers an historic opportunity to end the cycle of bloodshed. I think the best approach for the U.S. now is to continue to encourage this courageous and visionary initiative.

At this crucial time in the search for peace, let me reiterate a central message of my own statement welcoming the Joint Declaration: The time has come for all those who claim a legitimate stake in the future of Northern Ireland to stop the killing and the violence and pursue peace through constructive dialogue.

Q. What would you say to Irish-Americans who feel you have not fulfilled election promises made to them (e.g., a visa for Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams; appointment of a special envoy; raising human rights issues with Britain)?

A. I would say to them: Look at our record of engagement on Northern Ireland. Look at our support for the process which lead to the historic December 15 declaration. Look at the attention we devote to Northern Ireland in our annual human rights report. And look at the extraordinary opportunity that now presents itself for peace.

Q. Given that the British Government has established ongoing contacts with Sinn Fein with a view to establishing peace, is there not a case for granting a U.S. visa to Mr. Adams now, so that Irish-Americans can hear first-hand what his peace proposals are?

A. As you know, Gerry Adams was refused a U.S. visa earlier this year. That decision followed a careful review of his case and was consistent with our own immigration laws regarding terrorist activity. We will, of course, keep the issue under review as the developing situation warrants, especially in light of events flowing from the December 15 Joint Declaration by Prime Minister Reynolds and Prime Minister Major.

Q. Do the Irish and British governments have a veto on the appointment of a special envoy? If the current peace process breaks down, would you consider appointing a U.S. envoy?

A. The Irish and British governments do not have a veto on the special envoy, nor has either of them suggested they should. However, we must work constructively with both governments in the cause of peace. In this regard, the notion of a special envoy remains very much alive. As I have said many times, the United States stands ready to contribute to peace in any appropriate way.

The December 15 Joint Declaration by the Irish and British Prime Ministers offers the best hope for progress. At this stage, we believe the U.S. energies should be directed to support progress toward peace within the framework on which the British and Irish governments are working together.

Q. Are you going to visit Ireland on your trip to Europe next June and will you visit Northern Ireland if you do?

A. I would very much like to visit Ireland during my Presidential tenure and look forward to arranging mutually convenient dates.

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1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIMELY REPORTS ON YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER REYNOLDS, SEAN O'HUIGINN, AND JOHN HUME {REFTELS}. WE AGREE WITH PRIME MINISTER REYNOLDS THAT ISSUANCE OF A VISA SHOULD BE ON THE BASIS OF BEING HELPFUL TO THE PEACE PROCESS. THAT IS THE CLEAR MESSAGE BEHIND THE PRESIDENT'S DECEMBER 22 COMMENTS TO THE IRISH TIMES, WHERE HE LEAVES NO DOUBT THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO REVIEW THE ISSUE IN LIGHT OF GERRY ADAMS' RESPONSE TO THE REYNOLDS-MAJOR INITIATIVE.

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REMARKS: This is a draft that I will clear with Secretary Christopher as
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2. THIS IS ACTION MESSAGE FOR DUBLIN OR BELFAST.
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4. THE CONSUL GENERAL AT THE ACTION POST SHOULD CONVEY THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO ADAMS:
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