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Q: Were visas issued to IRA members to travel to the U.S.?

A: Limited B-2, single entry visas were issued ^{Tuesday} this morning in Dublin to Sinn Fein ~~leaders~~ ^{officials} Joe Cahill and Patrick Trainor.

Q: Aren't these persons convicted IRA terrorists?

A: In accordance with our immigration law, the Attorney General authorized our Embassy in Dublin to waive their ineligibilities to issue a temporary, limited visa. We hope their short visit to the United States will forward the peace process in Northern Ireland. We continue to call on the IRA and ~~all parties who wish~~ to participate in the political process to permanently, unconditionally renounce violence.

Q: Were the British consulted on these visas? Did they oppose this step, as they did the Gerry Adams visa?

A: Yes, we discussed this issue with both the British and Irish governments. Our policy toward Northern Ireland continues to be based on supporting the joint efforts of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland to achieve peace and a just political settlement in Northern Ireland. You should direct your questions about their views to the respective governments.

Q: The Irish press is reporting the Administration is prepared to give \$200 million in aid to Northern Ireland if there is an IRA ceasefire. True?

A: ~~The press reports are inaccurate.~~ The U.S. presently appropriates some \$20 million annually to the International Fund for Ireland. We will continue to be active in looking for ways to encourage and support peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

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and the current efforts to
achieve
an end
to the
violence

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We have made
no decisions on any
possible additional
assistance
in the event of a
ceasefire.

The purpose of their
visit is to enable the
Sinn Fein ~~leadership~~ ^{officials}
to garner support
for an expected IRA ceasefire
in the United States.

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Office of Press Relations
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TO: NANCY Sodorberg - NSC

FROM: Aric Schwan - EUR/PA x.7-8602

DATE: 8/30/94

Message

as requested.

Following this cover sheet, there will be _____ pages.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of the Spokesman

For Immediate Release

August 30, 1994

08/30/94 TAKEN QUESTION

NORTHERN IRELAND: VISAS ISSUED TO SINN FEIN OFFICIALS

Q: Were visas issued to IRA members to travel to the U.S.?

A: -- LIMITED B-2, SINGLE ENTRY VISAS WERE ISSUED

TUESDAY MORNING (AUGUST 30) IN DUBLIN TO SINN

FEIN OFFICIALS JOE CAHILL AND PATRICK TREANOR.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR IMMIGRATION LAW, THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL AUTHORIZED THE STATE DEPARTMENT

TO WAIVE THEIR INELIGIBILITIES TO ISSUE A

TEMPORARY, LIMITED VISA. THE PURPOSE OF THEIR

VISIT IS TO ENABLE SINN FEIN OFFICIALS TO GARNER

SUPPORT IN THE U.S. FOR AN END TO VIOLENCE IN

NORTHERN IRELAND. WE HOPE THEIR SHORT VISIT TO

THE UNITED STATES WILL ADVANCE THE PEACE PROCESS

IN NORTHERN IRELAND. WE CONTINUE TO CALL ON THE

IRA AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SOUGHT TO ACHIEVE

POLITICAL GOALS THROUGH VIOLENCE TO PERMANENTLY

AND UNCONDITIONALLY CEASE TO DO SO.

(Attributable to Michael McCurry: Department spokesman)

Hawkins, Ardenia R.

From: LeBourgeois, Julien D.
To: Darby, M. Brooke; Hawkins, Ardenia R.
Cc: /R, Record at A1; Vershbow, Alexander R.
Subject: Decision Memo on Gerry Adams [CONFIDENTIAL]
Date: Tuesday, September 13, 1994 12:07PM

Mike Andricos has three changes for the draft decision memo to the President (package #7313):

1. P. 2, the paragraph on "conditions": Insert a new sentence after "before Congress recesses": (Congress is scheduled to adjourn October 7 but could stay another week or so.)
2. P. 2., last paragraph, last line: Change "office" to "staff".
3. P. 3, top two lines should read: "Administration views), but says Adams will likely be received by the House of Representatives in some way.

*See also memo below
from Alan Kneczko*

Darby, M. Brooke

From: Kreczko, Alan J.
To: Darby, M. Brooke
Cc: /R, Record at A1; Stephens, Kathleen D.
Subject: IRA visas [CONFIDENTIAL]
Date: Tuesday, September 13, 1994 4:56PM

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Please pass to Nancy:

AG's views re Adams visa:

--she does not object, if it is determined that his entry serves foreign policy purposes. She does not want to be portrayed as supporting; she does not object.

--as to accompanying individuals, they reserve their position until they have a chance to review their files on any proposed additional person.

--as to fundraising, she strongly opposes.

I don't have an answer yet on Kieran Staunton.

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*faxed to
Lake*

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TO WHITE HOUSE

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FM AMBASSADOR JEAN KENNEDY SMITH, DUBLIN 009

TO THE WHITE HOUSE, NSC EYES ONLY FOR ANTHONY LAKE

TONY: THE TAOISEACH WANTED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU AND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF, ESPECIALLY NANCY SODERBERG AND SANDY VERSHBOW, HIS GRATITUDE FOR YOUR RESPONSIVENESS ON THE RECENT VISA REQUESTS.

IT WULD BE HELPFUL IN THE FUTURE, HOWEVER, IF THE RESPONSE TO SUCH REQUESTS MADE BY MYSELF ON BEHALF OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WERE TO BE SENT BACK TO THE IRISH THROUGH ME. CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE CLEAR TO THEM AND ME. OTHERWISE, MY POSITION AND INFLUENCE CAN BE UNDERMINED.

AGAIN, MANY THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE. I EXPECT TO HAVE SOME VERY GOOD NEWS FOR YOU IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

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PASS TO LONDON AND BELFAST

PASS TO BONN FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PREL, CVIS, PTER, UK, EI

SUBJECT: VISAS FOR GERRY ADAMS AND OTHER SINN FEIN
OFFICIALS

REF: DUBLIN 4973

1. (~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. JUST TO CLARIFY AND NSURE THAT THERE IS NO CONFUSION OVER THE INTENTIONS OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT ON THE ISSUE OF VISA WAIVERS FOR GERRY ADAMS AND HIS COLLEAGUES, I REPEAT WHAT I REPORTED IN REFTTEL, "MARTIN MANSERGH, THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPECIAL ADVISOR RESPONSIBLE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, ASKED ME SEPTEMBER 14 TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO GERRY ADAMS AND TWO OF HIS ASSOCIATES WHO WILL APPLY AT CONGEN BELFAST IN THE NEAR FUTURE. MANSERGH STATED THAT PRIME MINISTER REYNOLDS AND FOREIGN MINISTER SPRING ARE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT PROMPT ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO THE SINN FEIN LEADERS WILL BE A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEACE PROCESS."

3. THIS UNSEEMLY DELAY IN WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A ROUTINE MATTER IS PLAYING INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE THAT QUESTION THE SINCERITY OF THE IRA CEASEFIRE AND FOR

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WHATEVER REASON ARE THREATENING THE CONTINUATION OF THE PEACE PROCESS BY THEIR NIT-PICKING AND GRUDGERY. THE DELAY IS CAUSING CONFUSION OVER OUR INTENTIONS AND GOOD WILL. WE APPEAR TO BE ACCEPTING OVER EXAGGERATED CLAIMS OF THE IMPACT THIS VISIT IS GOING TO HAVE EITHER AT HOME OR ABROAD BY THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING VIRTUALLY ANY REASON TO SCUTTLE WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A ROUTINE, ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING.

4. OUR CONCERN SHOULD BE FIRST AND FOREMOST, WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES. IN NORTHERN IRELAND, THE PRESIDENT HAS CLEARLY DEFINED THAT TO BE PEACE AND AN END TO VIOLENCE. THE SINN FEIN/IRA HAVE DONE THEIR PART. NOW IT IS INCUMBENT ON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THEIR COMMITMENT TO PEACE. TO STRENGTHEN AND SOLIDIFY THEIR COMMITMENT TO PURSUING THEIR OBJECTIVES DEMOCRATICALLY THROUGH THE POLITICAL PROCESS, WE MUST CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE RANK AND FILE OF THE NATIONALIST COMMUNITY THAT THE PEACEFUL PURSUIT OF POLITICAL ENDS BRINGS ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION. THIS DELAY IS SIMPLY SUPPLYING AMMUNITION TO THOSE WHO WOULD ARGUE THAT THE NATIONALISTS ARE STILL BE TREATED AS SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS AND THAT THE PEACEFUL, DEMOCRATIC OPTION IS NOT BEARING THE PROMISED FRUIT.

5. I HAVE BEEN ASSURED AGAIN THIS MORNING THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND SPEAKS AS ONE, WITH NO DISSENT, IN SUPPORTING THE IMMEDIATE GRANTING OF VISAS TO GERRY ADAMS AND HIS COLLEAGUES. THE IRISH GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THAT THIS PEACE MUST BE BUILT ON AND CEMENTED. THIS IS A MEANINGFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CAN PLAY. IT IS IN OUR NATIONAL INTEREST AND ONE WHICH WE SHOULD NOT SHIRK. ADAMS AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAVE HELD OFF IN APPLYING FOR THEIR VISAS OUT OF CONCERN OVER THE POLITICAL FALL-OUT SHOULD THEY BE DENIED.

HOWEVER, TIME IS NOW SHORT AND COMMITMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE ON THEIR BEHALF AROUND THE U.S. THUS, IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR ADVICE FROM ONE OF THEIR INTERLOCUTORS, THIS MORNING, I SUGGESTED THAT THEY PROCEED WITH THEIR APPLICATIONS SO THAT THEY MAY BE PREPARED TO TRAVEL AS SOON AS THE WAIVERS ARE GRANTED. I REQUEST THAT THE DECISION BE MADE URGENTLY TO GRANT THESE WAIVERS AND ALLOW THIS PSYCHOLOGICALLY VITAL VISIT TO TAKE PLACE ASAP. AS I NOTED IN REFTTEL, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WHATEVER COMMITMENTS MR. ADAMS MAKES IN REGARD TO THIS WAIVER, E.G. STAYING ON THE WEST COAST AND OUT OF WASHINGTON WHILE OTHERS ARE THERE, ETC., WILL BE KEPT.

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set her to
work at*

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6. PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY. SMITH

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STATE PASS TO LONDON AND BELFAST

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PREL, CVIS, PTER, UK, EI

SUBJECT: VISAS FOR GERRY **ADAMS** AND OTHER SINN FEIN
OFFICIALS

REF: A) **DUBLIN** 4778, B) LONDON 14496 C) **DUBLIN** 4973

1. (~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. MARTIN MANSENGH, THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPECIAL ADVISOR RESPONSIBLE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, ASKED ME SEPTEMBER 14 TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO GERRY **ADAMS** AND TWO OF HIS ASSOCIATES WHO WILL APPLY AT CONGEN BELFAST IN THE NEAR FUTURE. MANSENGH STATED THAT PRIME MINISTER REYNOLDS AND FOREIGN MINISTER SPRING ARE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT PROMPT ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO THE SINN FEIN LEADERS WILL BE A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEACE PROCESS. AS WE POINTED OUT IN REF A, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE SINN FEIN LEADERS BE REINFORCED IN THEIR NEW COMMITMENT TO PURSUING

PEACE THROUGH THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

3. MANSERGH CONFIRMED THAT THE IRISH HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH **ADAMS** THAT THE SINN FEIN DELEGATION, WHICH PLANS TO LEAVE FOR THE U.S. SEPTEMBER 23, WILL NOT VISIT WASHINGTON UNTIL OCTOBER 12 OR 13 IN ORDER NOT TO UPSTAGE OTHER PLANNED VISITS TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON BY IRISH OFFICIALS AND UNIONIST LEADERS. THE TIMING ALSO PUTS **ADAMS** IN WASHINGTON WELL AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE, WHICH MANSERGH BELIEVES SHOULD ASSUAGE BRITISH CONCERNS OVER THE VISIT. AS NOTED REF C, THE SINNFEIN FOLLOW A SCHEDULE THAT WILL PUT IT ON THE WEST COAST WHILE SPRING IS IN WASHINGTON AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

4. MANSERGH STRESSED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DAMAGING AND CAUSE DEEP UNHAPPINESS IF **ADAMS** AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE REFUSED VISAS AT THIS POINT. THEY WANT TO BE TREATED AND BE SEEN TO BE TREATED AS NORMAL DEMOCRATS. CLEARLY, THE SINN FEIN LEADERSHIP IS BEING AMENABLE AND FLEXIBLE IN APPROACHING THIS VISA REQUEST. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO SHOW TO THEIR STILL DOUBTFUL SUPPORTERS THE VALUE AND THE BENEFITS TO BE GAINED FROM ENGAGING PEACEFULLY IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS. THUS WE SHOULD MOVE QUICKLY TO ISSUE THESE VISAS WITHOUT UNDO HINDRANCE. DELAYS AND WRANGLING OVER TIMING NOW WILL BE PERCEIVED TO BE THE RESULT OF BRITISH INTERFERENCE AND NOT CONTRIBUTE TO MOVING THE PEACE PROCESS FORWARD. THIS IS THE MESSAGE FROM THE IRISH GOVERNMENT AND I STRONGLY URGE THAT, GIVEN THE ASSURANCES FROM THE SINN FEIN ON THEIR ITINERARY, WE MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY TO ISSUE **ADAMS** AND HIS COLLEAGUES VISAS ASAP. PLEASE ADVISE URGENTLY.

SMITH

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NSC FOR LAKE AND SODERBERG

MESSAGE ORIGINATED IN BELFAST

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: CVIS PTER PGOV PREL PINR UK EI

SUBJECT: ADAMS PARTY INQUIRES ABOUT VISAS, CLAIM TO HAVE
RECEIVED "INDICATION"

REF: AMBASSADOR CROWE-MARTINEZ TELCON, 9/16/94

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

ALDAN MCATEER, OF THE PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN (PSF) CALLED THE CONSULATE ON SEPTEMBER 16, INFORMING A CONSULAR FSN THAT HE, PSF PRESIDENT GERRY ADAMS AND PSF MEMBER RICHARD MCCAULEY, ALL "WANTED VISAS FOR SEPTEMBER 21." THE CONSUL GENERAL WAS ON ANOTHER LINE AT THE TIME; MCATEER TOLD THE FSN HE WOULD CALL BACK IN TEN MINUTES TO TALK TO THE CG. THE CONSUL GENERAL CALLED THE AMBASSADOR, (REF) TELLING HIM THAT, BARRING ANY INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONTRARY, HE INTENDED TO TELL MCATEER THAT THE SINN FEIN DELEGATION SHOULD ALL COME IN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, FOR A VISA INTERVIEW, AND TO BRING A DETAILED ITINERARY. THE AMBASSADOR AGREED.

3. MCATEER CALLED THE CG A FEW MINUTES LATER. HE SAID THAT SINN FEIN HAD RECEIVED AN "INDICATION" THAT THE DELEGATION SHOULD ALL APPLY FOR VISAS AT "1500, SEPTEMBER 16". THIS WAS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT, MCATEER RELATED, BECAUSE HE INTENDED TO TRAVEL ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, TO ADVANCE THE ADAMS VISIT. ADAMS AND MCCAULEY, MCATEER CONTINUED, WERE PLANNING TO TRAVEL ON SEPTEMBER 21.

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4. THE CONSUL GENERAL TOLD MCATEER THAT HE, THE CG, HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY INDICATION THAT THE SINN FEIN DELEGATION SHOULD APPLY ON SEPTEMBER 16. THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION HERE. MCATEER REPLIED THAT, YES, THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION. THE CONSUL GENERAL TOLD MCATEER THAT, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, IT MIGHT BE BEST FOR THE SINN FEIN DELEGATION TO SIT TIGHT UNTIL MATTERS CLARIFIED THEMSELVES. MCATEER AGREED. THE CG AND MCATEER DID NOT/NOT SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19. IT APPEARS THAT SINN FEIN WILL SIT UNTIL THIS MATTER RESOLVES ITSELF.

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