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William J. Flynn
666 Fifth Avenue
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January 21, 1994

Dear Ms. Soderberg:

Understand you were trying to reach me by telephone.
I can be reached all afternoon at (407) 241-4100 or
at home (407) 622-8136.

Because we have never met, I thought you'd like to
have my bio.

Sincerely,

W.J. Flynn

Ms. Nancy Soderberg
Special Asst. to the President
for National Security Affairs
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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20506

Biography
Chairman & CEO

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William J. Flynn, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Mutual of America Life Insurance Company, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10103. **Mr. Flynn** also serves as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of several of Mutual of America's subsidiary companies, including American Life Insurance Company of New York.

Mr. Flynn attended Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, NY, and received his M.A. in Economics from Fordham University in New York. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict.

He is the Chairman of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, New York, NY and the Ireland Chamber of Commerce in the United States of America, New York, NY. In addition, he is a member of the Board of The American Cancer Society Foundation Atlanta, GA; Boston University; Co-Operation Ireland, New York, NY; The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity, New York, NY; The Flax Trust America Board, Boca Raton, FL; Fordham University, Bronx, NY; Irish America Economic Advisory Board, Washington, DC; Mercy Health Foundation, Farmington Hills, MI; N.Y. Backstretch Employees Pension Trust; New York City Partnership; The New York Foundling Hospital; New York Medical College Board of Visitors, Valhalla, NY; The Robert F. Kennedy Memorial, Washington DC; and St. Francis Hospital, Roslyn, NY. He is an honorary member of the North West International Board, Derry, Northern Ireland. He is a member of the Racquet & Tennis Club and The University Club.

Mr. Flynn is former Chairman, Advisory Committee to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, Washington DC; former Chairman of the Board of St. Vincent's Services, Brooklyn, NY. He is also former President of the Board of the New York Foundling Hospital; and former Board member of The American Council of Life Insurance, Washington, DC; The Catholic Health Association of the United States, St. Louis, MO; The Catholic University of America Board of Regents, Washington, DC; College Construction Loan Insurance Association, Washington, DC; The College of Insurance, New York, NY; the College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY; College Misericordia, Dallas, PA; Covenant House, New York, NY; Laboure Junior College, Boston, MA; The Life Insurance Council of New York; Medical Information Bureau, Boston, MA; and the Partnership Umbrella, Inc.

Mr. Flynn, is also a member of the board of the Pope John XXIII Center Medical-Moral Research and Education Center, St. Louis, MO; Richmond Hill Savings Bank, Floral Park, NY; The Royal Society of Medicine Foundation, Inc.; St. Michael's College, Winoski, VT; St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of New York; United States Catholic Historical Society, Bronxville, NY; The United Student Aid Funds, Indianapolis, IN; United Way International, Alexandria, VA; and The Williamsburg Charter Foundation, Washington, DC.

In 1980, **Mr. Flynn** received Brandeis University's Distinguished Community Service Award, and in 1983 he was the recipient of the Ubi Caritas Deus Ibi Award, the highest honor of Catholic Charities. **Mr. Flynn** received the United Way of America's National Professional Leadership Award and The National Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood Award in 1984. In 1985, The United Way of Bergen County presented **Mr. Flynn** with its Distinguished Service Award, and in 1986, he received the Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service Man of the Year Award. In 1987, he received the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith Champion of Liberty Award. **Mr. Flynn** was honored by The College of New Rochelle and received The New York Foundling Hospital's Elizabeth Ann Seton Humanitarian Award in 1988. Also, in the same year, he received The Israel 40th Anniversary Medal from the State of Israel and Catholic Charities, Diocese of Brooklyn, Bishop's Humanitarian Award. In 1989, **Mr. Flynn** received an Honorary Doctorate in Commercial Science from St. John's University, and St. Mary's Foundation for Children's Henry K.S. Williams Humanitarian Award.

In 1991, **Mr. Flynn** received the American Cancer Society's Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. Memorial Award, the Life Services for the Handicapped National Leadership Award and a Doctorate in Humane Letters from the University of Detroit Mercy. **Mr. Flynn** received ENCORE Community Service's Heart to Heart Award, and The Favorite Son Award from The Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick on Long Island in 1992. Also, in the same year, he received The National Council on the Aging's Distinguished Achievement Award. He was also honored by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and received St. Patrick's College Maynooth's Man of the Year Award in 1992. **Mr. Flynn** was the recipient of the 1993 Calvary Hospital Medal, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Lewis & Clark Fellow award. In the fall of 1993 he was awarded the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award of the National Catholic Education Association; He was also honored by the Flax Trust and by the Fordham Club of Long Island.

Mr. Flynn was with The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States from 1953 to 1971 where he was Vice President, Group Operations. In 1971, he joined Mutual of America and was appointed President, in 1972, President and Chief Executive Officer and in February, 1982, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Mutual of America Life Insurance Company.

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January 17, 1993

Ms. Nancy E. Soderberg
Special Asst. to the President for
National Security Affairs and
Deputy to the Asst. to the President
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Ms. Soderberg:

In a letter mailed today to the President of the United States, the National Committee on American Foreign Policy informed him of an invitation to the leaders of the major political parties in Northern Ireland to address us at a special conference in New York. The gathering will take place at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on February 1, 1994. It will be chaired by the Honorable Angier Biddle Duke, and is being organized as a result of the Joint Declaration issued by the Irish and British governments.

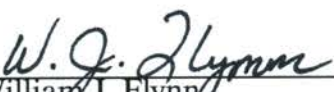
We are confident that all Americans of good will, particularly the 44 million who claim Irish ancestry, will agree with the position that it is important to foster a dialogue which may bring an end to violence in Northern Ireland.

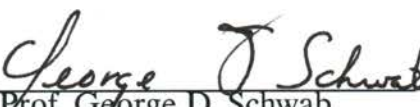
We do not have any particular political agenda in sponsoring this conference. We simply believe the first step in achieving peace is to listen to all the views of those most intimately involved with the conflict.

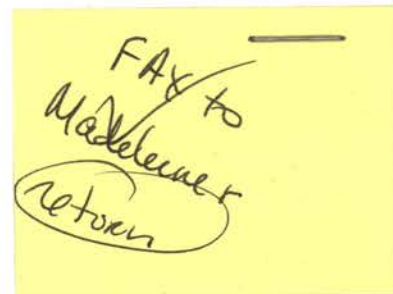
In an effort to keep you fully informed, we have included the letters of invitations issued to each leader and a subsequent letter with some particulars regarding the conference. We are also including the three official responses to our invitation. Statements in the press from each of the other leaders offer a positive reaction to the idea of a conference. We are sure your encouragement also would be welcomed. In addition, we are including a reprint of a full page advertisement that appeared in The New York Times that speaks to an American desire for peace in Northern Ireland.

Thank you for your interest and your good will concerning this matter.

Respectfully,


William J. Flynn
Chairman of the Board


Prof. George D. Schwab
President



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To Tony -

I think you should review. I pushed state once but didn't get very far.

See my edits - state wait like but they are designed to be more responsive to Flynn's cable.

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still.

Per NS-TL conversation;
TL okay'd w/ changes
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NS -

Julien has
discussed w/
State and
revised. OK to
send? KK

TO KK -

I'm concerned that this
implies we're not going to take
Flynn up on any of his suggestions.

Can you talk to Julien

+ see if he can push

State on not simply telling

Flynn we're already doing everything

we can? Brooke can give you

Flynn's inc. (Attached) T&S

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This crosshatch has been cleared by the staff. Do you approve clearing it with State? *W/Exchange*

WILL: Yes No

KRISTIE: Yes No

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ROME FOR THE VATICAN - AMBASSADOR FLYNN FROM THE ACTING
SECRETARY

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PREL, EI, UK, VT, US

SUBJECT: FURTHERING PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

REF: ROME 20996

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. YOUR COMMENTS ON THE NORTHERN IRELAND ISSUE, WITH A RANGE OF IDEAS ON HOW TO HELP THE PROCESS ALONG, WERE MUCH APPRECIATED HERE IN WASHINGTON. INDEED, MANY OF YOUR SUGGESTIONS MATCH CLOSELY WHAT WE ARE ALREADY WORKING ON. YOUR COMMENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BUSINESS INVESTMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE RIGHT ON THE MARK. WE ARE LOOKING AT DIFFERENT WAYS OF HELPING IN THAT IMPORTANT AREA, AND WILL FACTOR IN YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

3. AS YOU HAVE CORRECTLY NOTED, RELIGIOUS LEADERS COULD PLAY AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT ROLE. WE HAVE BEEN PURSUING COURSES OF ACTION THAT REFLECT THAT REALITY. IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, THE LEADERS OF THE CATHOLIC AND THREE MAJOR PROTESTANT CHURCHES IN THE UK AND IRELAND WERE RECEIVED AT A SENIOR LEVEL HERE IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR A DISCUSSION OF

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We will give some thought
to your proposal to bring the religious
leaders together to work toward reconciliation.
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(including our Ambassadors)

THE NORTHERN IRELAND PROBLEM. OUR EMBASSIES IN DUBLIN AND LONDON ARE IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC AND ANGLICAN LEADERSHIPS. AS YOU POINT OUT, THE CHURCH LEADERS IN THE TWO COMMUNITIES ARE CONTINUING WITH THEIR CONTACTS. ~~WE PREFER TO LEAVE THE INITIATIVE WITH THEM,~~

while continuing
to make known
our full support.

4. AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF HAS STAYED ACTIVELY ENGAGED ON THE NORTHERN IRELAND ISSUE. IN JUST THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, HE MET WITH IRISH FM DICK SPRING, AND SPOKE ON NOVEMBER 24 WITH UK PM MAJOR ON THE SUBJECT. THE SECRETARY HAS BEEN SIMILARLY INVOLVED.

5. THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN RECENT WEEKS, AND STATED PUBLICLY ON OCTOBER 30, THAT WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO FIND A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. IN THOSE STATEMENTS, THE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THE READINESS OF THE U.S. TO HELP THE PROCESS IN ANY WAY ^{appropriate} ~~THE TWO SIDES FEEL IS APPROPRIATE.~~ OUR SENSE IS THAT FOR THE MOMENT, OUR MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IS TO SUPPORT THE COURAGEOUS AND DETERMINED EFFORTS OF THE ~~IRISH AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS~~ AIMED AT RESOLVING THE PROBLEM. ~~THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE TOLD US PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY HOW MUCH THEY APPRECIATE THE U.S. STICKING TO THAT LINE. THEY ALSO CONTINUE TO INDICATE THAT NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR APPOINTMENT OF A U.S. SPECIAL~~

parties involved

~~ENVOY.~~ 6. We will keep our policy under regular review

and appreciate suggestions of new ideas, especially in light of the fast-moving developments on the Northern Ireland front. We will keep in close contact with you, particularly in view of the Vatican's interest.

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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: PREL, EI, VT

SUBJECT: FURTHERING PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ -- ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: SOURCES HERE CONFIRM THAT, ALTHOUGH THE USG CANNOT ITSELF SOLVE THE VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND, IT SHOULD PLAY A POSITIVE, RESPONSIBLE, AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN SUPPORTING THE NEW DIALOGUE AMONG THE PARTIES. AFTER MONTHS OF DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE WITH LEADERS IN ROME, RECENT CONVERSATIONS HERE WITH VATICAN OFFICIALS SUGGEST THAT THE USG COULD MOVE NOW TO SUPPORT INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE AND TO RE-ENFORCE THE ACTIONS BY UK AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS TO BEGIN A NEW PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS. ECONOMIC INVESTMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND BY U.S. BUSINESSES COULD BE KEY ACCORDING TO NUMEROUS BRITISH OFFICIALS.END SUMMARY.
3. THE DEBATE AROUND THE "IRISH QUESTION" IS NOT NEW, BUT IT HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE NEW ATTENTION OVER THE PAST WEEKS. IN NO SMALL PART THE HISTORIC ISRAEL/PLO AGREEMENT AND PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACTION TO BRING THE TWO PARTIES TOGETHER AT THE WHITE HOUSE HAVE BOOSTED HOPES FOR PEACE WORLDWIDE. PREVIOUSLY A SOLUTION TO THE VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND HAS ESCAPED POLITICAL OFFICIALS OF ALL PARTIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC. PRESIDENT CLINTON'S PUBLIC INTEREST, EXPRESSED DURING THE CAMPAIGN, WAS RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTICALLY NOT ONLY BY THE ACTIVE IRISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY BUT ALSO BY ALL OTHERS COMMITTED TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUSTICE BE IT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH AFRICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, OR NORTHERN IRELAND.
4. UPON ARRIVING IN ROME IN JULY, I ESTABLISHED EARLY RELATIONS WITH U.K., IRISH AND VATICAN OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE POPE ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S COMMITMENT TO HELP END THE VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND BRING PEACE. MY MOST RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH VATICAN OFFICIALS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF ALL SIDES, AND WITH THE AMBASSADORS HERE OF IRELAND AND THE U.K. HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY PRODUCTIVE. THESE CONVERSATIONS HAVE IDENTIFIED A WORTHWHILE INITIATIVE. THIS WOULD INVOLVE BRINGING RELIGIOUS LEADERS TOGETHER IN ARMAGH TO WORK TOWARDS RECONCILIATION. THIS MEETING COULD BE FOLLOWED BY A

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SIMILAR MEETING IN WASHINGTON WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE U.S. TO PLAY A LARGER ROLE.

5. THE PRESS HAS REPORTED PRESIDENT CLINTON'S SUPPORT FOR RENEWED DIALOGUE TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE. THIS DISPUTE CANNOT BE SOLVED BY OUTSIDERS, BUT OUTSIDERS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPPORT DIALOGUE AND GIVE IT CREDIBILITY. WE CANNOT ALLOW VIOLENCE TO CONTINUE UNNOTICED, AND NOW WE HAVE A CHANCE TO SUPPORT STEPS THAT CAN LEAD TO PEACE.

6. CARDINAL DALY AND ARCHBISHOP AMES OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND ARE PRIMATES FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE CHURCHES THROUGHOUT ALL OF IRELAND. AMCIT WILLIAM FRANKLIN TOLD ME LAST MONTH THAT THE ANGLICAN CENTER IN ROME, A LONG-ESTABLISHED OFFICE DEALING WITH ECUMENICAL RELATIONS WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, MIGHT BE A MEETING PLACE FOR CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT LEADERS WHERE DIALOGUE COULD BE ENCOURAGED.

7. THE GOVERNORS OF THE ANGLICAN CENTER, INCLUDING A VATICAN REPRESENTATIVE, MET RECENTLY TO DISCUSS THIS IDEA. THEY WERE FAVORABLE BUT RECOMMENDED A NEUTRAL LOCATION WOULD BE BETTER. THEY AGREED ARMAGH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL. BOTH THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY -- WHO HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON THIS PLAN -- AND ARCHBISHOP AMES OF IRELAND WOULD HAVE TO BE INVOLVED.

8. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS PROPOSAL WITH MY COUNTERPARTS IN ROME AMBASSADOR BROIN OF IRELAND AND PALMER OF GREAT BRITAIN. THE AMBASSADORS ARE INTERESTED AND WILL BE REPORTING TO THEIR CAPITALS.

9. ON FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 3, 1993, I MET WITH CARDINAL CASSIDY WHO HAS AN IMPORTANT PORTFOLIO HERE FOR ECUMENICAL DIALOGUE. HE HAD ALREADY BEEN PLANNING TO BE IN ARMAGH IN MID-JANUARY TO ATTEND A

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CE VIGIL. HE GAVE SUPPORT TO THE IDEA OF MEETINGS OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN ARMAGH AND WASHINGTON. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD BRING THIS MATTER TO THE HOLY FATHER'S ATTENTION AND THAT, PERHAPS, THE PONTIFF, AS A SUGESTION, MIGHT BE INCLINED TO HOLD AN ECUMENICAL UNITY PRAYER SERVICE WITH ALL THE RESPECTIVE RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN ITALY AS WELL. HE MENTIONED ASSISI AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR SUCH A SERVICE WHICH
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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: FURTHERING PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND
MIGHT BE MODELED ON THE PRAYER SERVICES THE POPE HELD FOR THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA. CARD. CASSDY ALSO SAID THE POPE MIGHT MENTION THIS INITIATIVE IN HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS JANUARY 15.

10. MY EXPERIENCE IN RECENT YEARS WITH NORTHERN IRISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAS CONVINCED ME THAT AN ECUMENICAL MEETING WOULD HELP FOSTER RECONCILIATION. WE SHOULD REVIVE THIS IDEA. A SUBSEQUENT MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON THE SAME THEME COULD COMPLEMENT EFFORTS ELSEWHERE, AND INDICATE STRONG U.S. SUPPORT FOR PEACE IN ITS BROADEST SENSE.

11. AS WE LOOK FOR WAYS TO FOSTER PEACE EFFORTS, NEW

THOUGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE COMMITMENT TO APPOINT
A SPECIAR ENVOY THIS ENVOY COULD ACT AS A
FACILITATOR TO ENCOURAGE THE PROCESS AND TO SUPPORT
THE TENTATIVE STEPS NOW BEING TAKEN BY ELECTED AND
RESPONSIBLE PARTIES. A BASIC PROBLEM WITH PEACE
EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN TO DATE IS THE EXCLUDED MIDDLE.
ALL PARTIES AT THE TABLE FEEL THAT THEY ARE FIXED
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To Tony -

I think you should
review. I pushed state
once but didn't get very
far.

See my edits - state
want like but they are
designed to be more responsive
to Flynn's cable.

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~~WALKER~~ Nancy
This looks ok to
me. OK to send?

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This crosshatch has
been cleared by the
staff. Do you
approve clearing it
with State? WALKER

WILL: Yes _____ No _____

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TO KK -

I'm concerned that Mr.

implies we're not going to take

Flynn up on any of his suggestions.

Can you talk to Julian

+ see if he can push

State on not simply telling

Flynn we're already doing everything

we can? Brooke can give you

Flynn's inc. (Attached)

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NS -
Julian has
discussed w/
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3. AS YOU HAVE CORRECTLY NOTED, RELIGIOUS LEADERS COULD PLAY AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT ROLE. WE HAVE BEEN PURSUING COURSES OF ACTION THAT REFLECT THAT REALITY. IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, THE LEADERS OF THE CATHOLIC AND THREE MAJOR PROTESTANT CHURCHES IN THE UK AND IRELAND WERE RECEIVED AT A SENIOR LEVEL HERE IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR A DISCUSSION OF

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We will give some thought
to your proposal to bring the religious
leaders together to work toward reconciliation.
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(including our Ambassadors)

THE NORTHERN IRELAND PROBLEM. OUR EMBASSIES IN DUBLIN AND LONDON ARE IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC AND ANGLICAN LEADERSHIPS. AS YOU POINT OUT, THE CHURCH LEADERS IN THE TWO COMMUNITIES ARE CONTINUING WITH THEIR CONTACTS. ~~WE PREFER TO LEAVE THE INITIATIVE WITH THEM,~~

while continuing
to make known
our full support.

4. AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF HAS STAYED ACTIVELY ENGAGED ON THE NORTHERN IRELAND ISSUE. IN JUST THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, HE MET WITH IRISH FM DICK SPRING, AND SPOKE ON NOVEMBER 24 WITH UK PM MAJOR ON THE SUBJECT. THE SECRETARY ~~HAS BEEN~~ SIMILARLY INVOLVED.

5. THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN RECENT WEEKS, AND STATED PUBLICLY ON OCTOBER 30, THAT WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO FIND A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. IN THOSE STATEMENTS, THE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THE READINESS OF THE U.S. TO HELP THE PROCESS IN ANY WAY, ~~THE TWO SIDES FEEL IS APPROPRIATE.~~ OUR SENSE IS THAT FOR THE MOMENT, OUR MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IS TO SUPPORT THE COURAGEOUS AND DETERMINED EFFORTS OF THE ~~IRISH AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS~~ AIMED AT RESOLVING THE PROBLEM. ~~THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE TOLD US PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY HOW MUCH THEY APPRECIATE THE U.S. STICKING TO THAT LINE. THEY ALSO CONTINUE TO INDICATE THAT NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR APPOINTMENT OF A U.S. SPECIAL~~

parties involved

~~ENVOY.~~ 6. We will keep our policy under regular review and appreciate suggestions of new ideas, especially in light of the fast-moving developments on the Northern Ireland front. We will keep in close contact with you, particularly in view of the Vatican's interest.

And the National Security Advisor

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- (4) FYI. Ambassador Flynn at the Vatican would like to pass along some advice about the Irish question which you might not otherwise be receiving. He can be reached in Rome at 011-39-6-581-2392 or through his Chief of Staff at the Vatican, Frank Doyle, at 011-39-6-4674-4246.

cc: *bnc.*
gony

calling

Sandy -

As the above note indicates, Flynn is trying to get to Clinton on Ireland. Tony asked if I could call him but he thinks I'm a British plant so I'm not sure how constructive it is for me to call him. Tony and I agreed you'd be best to call him.

If you have a minute in the morning, could you give him a call. I'd be happy to first fill you in on the state of play.

Thanks.

Nancy

Also - Flynn has a new cable in to State which I'll track down and get to you ASAP in the morning.

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INVESTMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND BY U.S. BUSINESSES
COULD BE KEY ACCORDING TO NUMEROUS BRITISH
OFFICIALS.END SUMMARY.

3. THE DEBATE AROUND THE "IRISH QUESTION" IS NOT
NEW, BUT IT HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABGE NEW ATTENTION
OVER THE PAST WEEKS. IN NO SMALL PART THE HISTORIC
ISRAEL/PLO AGREEMENT AND PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ACTION
TO BRING THE TWO PARTIES TOGETHER AT THE WHITE HOUSE

HAVE BOOSTED HOPES FOR PEACE WORLDWIDE. PREVIOUSLY A SOLUTION TO THE VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND HAS ESCAPED POLITICAL OFFICIALS OF ALL PARTIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC. PRESIDENT CLINTON'S PUBLIC INTEREST, EXPRESSED DURING THE CAMPAIGN, WAS RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTICALLY NOT ONLY BY THE ACTIVE IRISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY BUT ALSO BY ALL OTHERS COMMITTED TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUSTICE BE IT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH AFRICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, OR NORTHERN IRELAND.

4. UPON ARRIVING IN ROME IN JULY, I ESTABLISHED EARLY RELATIONS WITH U.K., IRISH AND VATICAN OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE POPE ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S COMMITMENT TO HELP END THE VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND BRING PEACE. MY MOST RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH VATICAN OFFICIALS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF ALL SIDES, AND WITH THE AMBASSADORS HERE OF IRELAND AND THE U.K. HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY PRODUCTIVE. THESE CONVERSATIONS HAVE IDENTIFIED A WORTHWHILE INITIATIVE. THIS WOULD INVOLVE BRINGING RELIGIOUS LEADERS TOGETHER IN ARMAGH TO WORK TOWARDS RECONCILIATION. THIS MEETING COULD BE FOLLOWED BY A SIMILAR MEETING IN WASHINGTON WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE U.S. TO PLAY A LARGER ROLE.

5. THE PRESS HAS REPORTED PRESIDENT CLINTON'S SUPPORT FOR RENEWED DIALOGUE TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE. THIS DISPUTE CANNOT BE SOLVED BY OUTSIDERS, BUT OUTSIDERS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPPORT DIALOGUE AND GIVE IT CREDIBILITY. WE CANNOT ALLOW VIOLENCE TO CONTINUE UNNOTICED, AND NOW WE HAVE A CHANCE TO SUPPORT STEPS THAT CAN LEAD TO PEACE.

6. CARDINAL DALY AND ARCHBISHOP AMES OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND ARE PRIMATES FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE CHURCHES THROUGHOUT ALL OF IRELAND. AMCIT WILLIAM FRANKLIN TOLD ME LAST MONTH THAT THE ANGLICAN CENTER IN ROME, A LONG-ESTABLISHED OFFICE DEALING WITH ECUMENICAL RELATIONS WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, MIGHT BE A MEETING PLACE FOR CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT LEADERS WHERE DIALOGUE COULD BE ENCOURAGED.

7. THE GOVERNORS OF THE ANGLICAN CENTER, INCLUDING A VATICAN REPRESENTATIVE, MET RECENTLY TO DISCUSS THIS IDEA. THEY WERE FAVORABLE BUT RECOMMENDED A NEUTRAL LOCATION WOULD BE BETTER. THEY AGREED ARMAGH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL. BOTH THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY -- WHO HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON THIS PLAN -- AND ARCHBISHOP AMES OF IRELAND WOULD HAVE TO BE INVOLVED.

8. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS PROPOSAL WITH MY COUNTERPARTS IN ROME AMBASSADOR BROIN OF IRELAND AND

PALMER OF GREAT BRITAIN. THE AMBASSADORS ARE INTERESTED AND WILL BE REPORTING TO THEIR CAPITALS.

9. ON FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 3, 1993, I MET WITH CARDINAL CASSIDY WHO HAS AN IMPORTANT PORTFOLIO HERE FOR ECUMENICAL DIALOGUE. HE HAD ALREADY BEEN PLANNING TO BE IN ARMAGH IN MID-JANUARY TO ATTEND A PEACE VIGIL.

HE GAVE SUPPORT TO THE IDEA OF MEETINGS OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN ARMAGH AND WASHINGTON. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD BRING THIS MATTER TO THE HOLY FATHER'S ATTENTION AND THAT, PERHAPS, THE PONTIFF, AS A SUGGESTION, MIGHT BE INCLINED TO HOLD AN ECUMENICAL UNITY PRAYER SERVICE WITH ALL THE RESPECTIVE RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN ITALY AS WELL. HE MENTIONED ASSISI AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR SUCH A SERVICE WHICH MIGHT BE MODELED ON THE PRAYER SERVICES THE POPE HELD FOR THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA. CARD. CASSIDY ALSO SAID THE POPE MIGHT MENTION THIS INITIATIVE IN HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS JANUARY 15.

10. MY EXPERIENCE IN RECENT YEARS WITH NORTHERN IRISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAS CONVINCED ME THAT AN ECUMENICAL MEETING WOULD HELP FOSTER RECONCILIATION. WE SHOULD REVIVE THIS IDEA. A SUBSEQUENT MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON THE SAME THEME COULD COMPLEMENT EFFORTS ELSEWHERE, AND INDICATE STRONG U.S. SUPPORT FOR PEACE IN ITS BROADEST SENSE.

11. AS WE LOOK FOR WAYS TO FOSTER PEACE EFFORTS, NEW THOUGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE COMMITMENT TO APPOINT A SPECIAL ENVOY. THIS ENVOY COULD ACT AS A FACILITATOR TO ENCOURAGE THE PROCESS AND TO SUPPORT THE TENTATIVE STEPS NOW BEING TAKEN BY ELECTED AND RESPONSIBLE PARTIES. A BASIC PROBLEM WITH PEACE EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN TO DATE IS THE EXCLUDED MIDDLE. ALL PARTIES AT THE TABLE FEEL THAT THEY ARE FIXED INTO THEIR POSITIONS, AND THE UNIONISTS AND SEINN FEIN ARE NOT REPRESENTED BY ANY OF THE POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS IN THE TALKS. AN ENVOY COULD SERVE THE CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS IN THE MIDDLE WHO WANT PEACE, AND HELP MOVE THE EXTREMES TOWARD THE MIDDLE.

12. I HAVE BEEN TOLD CONSISTENTLY BY BRITISH OFFICIALS THAT U.S. BUSINESS INVESTMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND IS KEY TO SUSTAINING ANY PEACE THERE. JOBS NOT BOMBS WILL BRING ABOUT PROGRESS AND PEACE THEY HAVE SAID. MUCH OF THE TROUBLE HAS ITS ROOTS IN POOR CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS FIGHTING FOR JOBS. WE NEED TO ENLARGE THE ECONOMIC PIE FOR BOTH SIDES. HAVING WORKED ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND FOR SEVERAL YEARS THROUGH BOSTON-IRELAND VENTURES, I

CONCUR. SUCH COMMON ECONOMIC INTERESTS COULD BE THE
"RAY OF HOPE" CITED IN A NOVEMBER 27TH ARTICLE IN THE
ECONOMIST AND COULD PROVIDE THE ENTREE FOR THE USG TO
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SUBJECT: GERRY ADAMS VISA ISSUE

REF: A) DUBLIN 7365 (NOTAL) B) DUBLIN 7366
 C) DUBLIN 7396 (NOTAL)

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.

2. THE NEXT STEP IS UP TO GERRY ADAMS. [IF HE RENOUNCES VIOLENCE AND TAKES STEPS TO JOIN THE POLITICAL PROCESS, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO TAKE A NEW LOOK AT THE RATIONALE FOR A WAIVER THE NEXT TIME HE APPLIES FOR A U.S. VISA.] GRANTING GERRY ADAMS A VISA IS ONE OF THE MOST VISIBLE PIECES OF LEVERAGE WE HAVE TO USE WITH SINN FEIN/PIRA TO ENCOURAGE THEIR JOINING THE PEACE PROCESS. WE WANT TO BE SURE, AS

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SEAN O'HUIGINN PUT IT SO APTLY TO YOU, THAT WE "MAXIMIZE REWARDS." WE HOPE THE CARROT OF A U.S. VISA WILL PROVIDE ADDED INCENTIVE TO GERRY ADAMS TO MOVE AWAY FROM VIOLENCE. YY

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SUBJECT: FURTHERING PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

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2. YOUR COMMENTS ON THE NORTHERN IRELAND ISSUE, WITH A RANGE OF IDEAS ON HOW TO HELP THE PROCESS ALONG, WERE MUCH APPRECIATED HERE IN WASHINGTON. MANY OF YOUR SUGGESTIONS MATCH CLOSELY WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON. YOUR COMMENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BUSINESS INVESTMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE RIGHT ON THE MARK. WE ARE LOOKING AT DIFFERENT WAYS OF HELPING IN THAT IMPORTANT AREA, AND WILL FACTOR IN YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

3. AS YOU HAVE CORRECTLY NOTED, RELIGIOUS LEADERS COULD PLAY AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT ROLE. WE HAVE BEEN PURSUING COURSES OF ACTION THAT REFLECT THAT REALITY. IN FEBRUARY ~~OF THIS~~ YEAR, THE LEADERS OF THE CATHOLIC AND THREE MAJOR PROTESTANT CHURCHES IN THE UK AND IRELAND WERE RECEIVED AT A SENIOR LEVEL HERE IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR A DISCUSSION OF

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THE NORTHERN IRELAND PROBLEM. OUR EMBASSIES, INCLUDING OUR AMBASSADORS, IN DUBLIN AND LONDON ARE IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC AND ANGLICAN LEADERSHIPS. AS YOU POINT OUT, THE CHURCH LEADERS IN THE TWO COMMUNITIES ARE CONTINUING WITH THEIR CONTACTS. WE WILL GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO YOUR PROPOSAL TO BRING THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS TOGETHER TO WORK TOWARD RECONCILIATION.

4. THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF HAS STAYED ACTIVELY ENGAGED ON THE NORTHERN IRELAND ISSUE. YOU NO DOUBT SAW THE STATEMENT THE PRESIDENT ISSUED ON DECEMBER 15 WELCOMING THE REYNOLDS-MAJOR INITIATIVE ANNOUNCED THAT DAY. SINCE THEN, HE HAS WRITTEN TO THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS EMPHASIZING OUR READINESS TO BE OF ANY APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE EFFORTS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, including sending to a U.S. representative to press for peace, and December
EARLIER, THE PRESIDENT MET WITH IRISH FM DICK SPRING ON NOVEMBER 16 AT THE WHITE HOUSE, AND SPOKE ~~ON~~ NOVEMBER 24 WITH PM MAJOR ON THE SUBJECT. THE SECRETARY AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY INVOLVED.

5. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE TOLD US REPEATEDLY HOW MUCH THEY APPRECIATE THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT, AND THE POSITION WE HAVE SET OUT. OUR SENSE IS THAT FOR THE MOMENT, OUR MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IS TO SUPPORT THE COURAGEOUS AND DETERMINED EFFORTS OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED AIMED AT RESOLVING THE PROBLEM.

6. WE WILL KEEP OUR POLICY UNDER REGULAR REVIEW, AND APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS OF NEW IDEAS, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE FAST-MOVING DEVELOPMENTS ON THE NORTHERN IRELAND FRONT. WE WILL KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH YOU, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE VATICAN'S INTEREST.

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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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- (4) FYI. Ambassador Flynn at the Vatican would like to pass along some advice about the Irish question which you might not otherwise be receiving. He can be reached in Rome at 011-39-6-581-2392 or through his Chief of Staff at the Vatican, Frank Doyle, at 011-39-6-4674-4246.

cc: SAC.
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Sandy -

As the above note indicates, Flynn is trying to get to Clinton on Ireland. Tony asked if I could call him but he thinks I'm a British plant so I'm not sure how constructive it is for me to call him. Tony and I agreed you'd be best to call him.

If you have a minute in the morning, could you give him a call. I'd be happy to first fill you in on the state of play.

Thanks.

Nancy

Also - Flynn has a new cable in to State which I'll track down and get to you ASAP in the morning.

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