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Sinn Féin meeting: about - problems w/ Joint Declaration

peace process since 1986 → Hume / Adams talks. Talk

@ ceasefire, w/ condition that they can't call.

We believe the current peace process, in order to give every peace opportunity, they'll terminate campaign.

Other possible, of process, deserves an unarmed strategy.

Cell Sell Reynolds to reopen 1921 Treaty in partition.

Reynolds has put it on table, ^{British} ~~Adams~~ accepted

Very act that created partition on table.

- Everyone in group is anti-war.

- Forum talks still possible.

- 3-400 people out of work. Need to figure out what to do.

- Re: hardiness → no split - only objection is philosophical. Adams violence won't get anywhere. Cost of continuing high - lost Hume, Adams, Reynolds. I think violence got him something but ~~Adams~~ now there's a process can't stop.

10-12 from Armagh man go off. William McCray - Ulster-Unionist no one's claimed. Not leadership.

- nationalist Ireland & America -

- any more? no, Smith doing

- 2-3 weeks after. Sunday or Monday. IRA.

July 14, 1994

MEMO TO: Peter Tarnoff

FROM: Nancy Soderberg *NS*

RE: Ireland

Strobe asked that I pass the following language to you for clearance. Please call to discuss once you've reviewed.

Thanks.

703-841-5492 Tmna

US Role

Strong Support for US Joint Declaration in Dec.

Issuance of Adams' visa to encourage move toward peace.

met with Molyneux (Tel. conf) to reach out to Unionists VP?

developed effective dialogue with British & Irish on need for permanent end to violence and ~~even~~ a negotiated settlement

Assured full funding for ~~the~~ Int'l Fund for Ireland.

~~Sent public and private messages~~

Undisclosed privately and publicly held by the IRA to resume violence permanently and enter the negotiations process

Callahan VISA.

Stress personal involvement with Reynolds & Major perhaps run through list of telephone calls & meetings.

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)

The United States welcomes the statement by the IRA/Sinn Fein declaring its commitment to the total cessation of violence. [POSSIBLE ADD: It is an important and positive development.] We join with the governments of the United Kingdom and of the Republic of Ireland in the hope and expectation that this step will help lead to a peaceful resolution of the problems of Northern Ireland. We continue to call on all parties, including the IRA, permanently to renounce violence as a means of achieving political ends. At the same time, the value of this statement, or of any future statement, must be demonstrated by deeds, not just words.

The United States continues strongly to support the efforts of the governments of Ireland and the United Kingdom for peace and reconciliation through political dialogue, in the context of the Anglo-Irish Agreement of 1985 and the December 1993 Downing Street Declaration. We hope that today's statement reflects a recognition by the IRA that this process offers the best hope for a brighter future for the people of Northern Ireland.

AMBASÁID NA HÉIREANN
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EMBASSY OF IRELAND
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008

GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON IRA TEMPORARY CEASEFIRE

The Government welcome any reduction in the level of violence, even temporary, and any lessening of the human suffering it imposes.

We are disappointed that no decision has yet been made on a cessation of violence, which is the overwhelming desire of the Irish people North and South. That would open the way for all-round participation in comprehensive political dialogue, as envisaged in the Joint Declaration, where all concerned participate solely on the basis of the respect they are entitled to from their democratic mandates, without resort to the use of or threat of violence.

It must surely be increasingly clear to all that there is no vestige of justification for continued violence, and that it has no part to play in the search for new agreed relationships between the two traditions in Ireland. It remains our hope that the opportunity for a just and lasting peace offered by the Joint Declaration will be fully availed of and that the cessation of violence will shortly be made permanent.

March 30, 1994.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 8, 1994

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
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IRELAND

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IRA STATEMENT

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At this historic cross-roads, the leadership of the IRA salutes and commends our volunteers, other activists, our supporters and the political prisoners who have sustained this struggle against all odds for the past 25 years.

Your courage, determination and sacrifices have demonstrated that the spirit of freedom and the desire for peace based on a just and lasting settlement cannot be crushed. We remember all those who have died for Irish freedom and we reiterate our Republican objectives.

Our struggle has seen many gains and advances made by nationalists and for the democratic position. We believe that an opportunity to secure a just and lasting settlement has been created.

We are therefore entering into a new situation in a spirit of determination and confidence, determined that the injustices which created this conflict will be removed and confident in the strength and justice of our struggle to achieve this.

We note that the Downing Street Declaration is not a solution nor was it presented as such by its authors. A solution will only be found as a result of inclusive negotiations. Others, not least the British Government, have a duty to face up to their responsibilities.

It is our desire to significantly contribute to the creation of a climate which will encourage this. We urge everyone to approach this situation with energy, determination and patience."

END

31 August 1994

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The Government look forward to seeing the decision for peace being fully implemented on the ground, and to reciprocal action in good faith by all other groups engaged in paramilitary activity, as has been promised in the past. There is a heavy onus on all, on both Governments and all constitutional parties, to contribute actively to the consolidation of peace by a generous and flexible approach. The next step should lead to the negotiation on an all-round inclusive basis of a just and lasting political settlement between the people of Ireland North and South of all traditions.

There is now an historic opportunity to take the gun out of Irish politics forever, and to achieve a new and far-reaching political accommodation in Ireland in a transformed atmosphere. The aim of both Governments is an agreed Ireland, where the principle of self-determination is balanced by the requirement of consent.

We can also look forward to major economic benefits North and South from the establishment of peace, as well as material support for reconstruction in the North and the border regions from the US and EU.

There is now a recognition that the democratic system provides the only way forward for all groups and communities in Ireland. Both Governments are committed to the Downing Street Declaration. It has been the major catalyst for peace, and makes democracy the cornerstone of all future political development. It provides guarantees against coercion to all sections of the community. Those who have felt themselves to be under attack or under threat, whether Unionists or Nationalists, will particularly benefit from the establishment of a comprehensive peace.

All of us deeply regret the tragic loss of life on all sides of the last 25 years. We will continue to sympathise with the surviving victims, and with all the relatives and friends of those who have died. We must salute the courage and the sacrifices of those on both sides of the border who have protected the community without fear or favour in accordance with their duty and the rule of law.

The Government hope that it will now soon be possible to close forever this long and violent chapter in our history and that it will never be repeated. We must put the past behind us. The main task ahead is to build a new trust and foster a spirit of reconciliation between all the people on this island."

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31 August 1994



10 DOWNING STREET

Press Notice**STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER**

The Downing Street declaration offered an opportunity for peace.

It calls for a permanent end to violence and offers a balanced opportunity for all to play a full part in the future political life of Northern Ireland.

The IRA have declared a complete cessation of violence. I am greatly encouraged by this, but we need to be clear that this is indeed intended to be a permanent renunciation of violence, that is to say, for good.

If it is, then many options are open. If they are genuinely and irrevocably committed to use only peaceful and democratic methods in the future, then we shall respond positively, as we said in the Joint Declaration. Let words now be reflected in deeds.

31 August 1994

Telephone 071-930 4433

END

from the office of

*Senator Edward M. Kennedy
of Massachusetts*

STATEMENT OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ON THE IRA ANNOUNCEMENT
OF A COMPLETE CESSATION OF MILITARY OPERATIONS

For Immediate Release
August 31, 1994

Contact: Pam Hughes
Jim Manley
202/224-2633

I welcome today's announcement by the IRA of a complete cessation of military operations. Today is a joyous and hopeful day for all of Ireland and for all the Irish people.

Friends of Ireland everywhere have waited more than a quarter century for the violence to stop in Northern Ireland, and I hope today's historic announcement marks the end of the bloodshed and the beginning of a process that will lead, as soon as possible, to lasting peace, reconciliation and prosperity for all the people of Ireland.

I commend all those who have worked tirelessly for this day. John Hume, as leader of the Social and Democratic Labour Party in Northern Ireland, has spent his life working to bring to Northern Ireland, not only peace, but tolerance and cooperation between the two communities. His talks in the past year with Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams were the catalyst which led to today's breakthrough.

The Irish and British Prime Ministers, Albert Reynolds and John Major also deserve a great deal of credit. Both placed peace for Northern Ireland at the top of their agendas and their efforts are deservedly proving successful.

I especially want to commend Gerry Adams for his courageous commitment to bringing an end to the Republican violence. Mr. Adams played, and will continue to play, a central role in this process.

I commend President Clinton for his own leadership on this issue, especially in granting the visa to Gerry Adams last January, which became a critical milestone in leading to today's historic announcement. I also commend Ambassador Smith in Dublin who has worked effectively to reach out to all sides on this complex issue and encourage greater understanding.

In addition, Senator Moynihan, Senator Dodd and Senator Pell have provided outstanding assistance and leadership. Also deserving much credit is a group of Irish-American leaders -- Niall O'Dowd, Bill Flynn, Bruce Morrison and Chuck Feeney -- who, as private individuals committed to peace, have played an important role. Most recently, they visited Northern Ireland to discuss potential support for the peace initiative, such as economic and job-creating investment in Northern Ireland, which Irish-Americans can provide if the violence ends.

Today is certainly a day for celebration, but it is also a day to begin the serious work that will make peace permanent. First and foremost, the cessation must be adhered to by the IRA. Furthermore, violence by Loyalist paramilitary groups must also end.

I am also hopeful that responsible political leaders in the Loyalist community will embrace this historic opportunity to achieve a peaceful way forward for both communities.

I will continue to work with President Clinton, the Irish and British Governments, and the leaders in Northern Ireland to assure that a lasting peace is finally achieved as soon as possible.

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I have just spoken with Prime Minister Albert Reynolds of Ireland and Prime Minister John Major of the United Kingdom to congratulate them for their persistent efforts to bring this day about. Their joint resolve to end the violence and pursue a negotiated settlement has been crucial to the progress made to date. Their historic Joint Declaration last December, together with the Anglo-Irish agreement of 1985, have built the foundation for the new hope we have today. I am pleased that the United States has been able to contribute to this process of reconciliation.

We join with the governments of Ireland and the United Kingdom in the hope and expectation that today's step will help bring a lasting and just peace to Northern Ireland. I urge the IRA and all who have supported it to fulfill the promise of today's announcement to end the use and support of violence, just as we continue to call on all parties who have sought to achieve political goals through violence to cease to do so. There must be a permanent end to the violence.

The United States continues to stand ready to assist in advancing the process of peace in Northern Ireland. We hope that both traditions -- Unionist and Nationalist -- will support the only real avenue to peace, that of a negotiated settlement to the conflict.

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Text of IRA Announcement of Cease-Fire

With PM-Northern Ireland

EDS: Oqlaiqh na h-Eirann is Irish for Irish Republican Army

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) _ Text of the cease-fire announcement by the Irish Republican Army (Oqlaiqh na h-Eirann) today:

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``At this historic crossroads, the leadership of Oqlaiqh na h-Eirann salutes and commends our volunteers, other activists, our supporters and the political prisoners who have sustained this struggle, against all odds, for the past 25 years. Your courage, determination and sacrifices have demonstrated that the spirit of freedom and the desire for peace based on a just and lasting settlement cannot be crushed. We remember all those who have died for Irish freedom and we reiterate our commitment to our republican objectives.

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underline our definitive commitment to its success, the leadership of the IRA has decided as of

midnight there will be a complete cessation of military operations. All our units have been

instructed accordingly. At this historic ^{CROSS-ROAD} crossing, the leadership ^{of the IRA} resolves and commands our volunteers,

^{other} activists and supporters ^{and the point of no return} who have sustained the struggle ^{against} for the past 25 years. Your ^{courage, determination} sacrifices

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Notes from T. S. Two central themes:

1. Complete cessation of the military campaign.
2. Historic opportunity to change direction and make the peace process a reality.

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SB if he loses his
copy-recd, recd
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^IRELAND'S DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TO SEE CLINTON@

EDGARTOWN, Mass, Aug 31 (Reuter) - Irish Deputy Prime Minister Dick Spring will meet President Clinton on Friday on the resort island of Martha's Vineyard, where Clinton is vacationing, the White House announced Wednesday.

Spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said Spring, who is also the Irish foreign minister, will meet Clinton to talk about "the cessation of hostilities" and the "ongoing peace process" in Northern Ireland.

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Myers, asked whether there would be a summit meeting soon between Clinton, British Prime Minister John Major and Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds, said "There are no plans for a summit. I wouldn't rule it out, but there are no plans at this time."

Reynolds had told Irish state radio earlier Wednesday that he could meet with Clinton and Major soon to underpin the peace process in **Ireland**. Earlier Wednesday, the Irish Republican Army declared a ceasefire in its campaign to end British rule of Northern **Ireland**.

Myers said that Clinton, in telephone calls to Major and Reynolds Wednesday, had "congratulated them for their courage and vision in pursuing peace in **Ireland**. They both thanked the president for his contributions."

Myers said the meeting with Spring would be "fairly informal," in keeping with the setting and the fact that the president was on vacation. She had no other details. "He's just confirmed he's able to come and we're working out the details."

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^ADAMS ASKS BRITAIN TO FREE PRISONERS, CUT TROOPS@

BELFAST, Aug 31 (Reuter) - Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA's political wing Sinn Fein, urged Britain on Wednesday to free Irish nationalist prisoners and withdraw troops from Northern Ireland in response to the IRA's truce announcement.

Addressing a Belfast crowd, he said Britain must take decisive steps. "This means demilitarisation of the situation, it means prisoners home from England," he said.

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"Demilitarisation" is Sinn Fein's term for the withdrawal of British troops which were deployed on the streets of Northern Ireland 25 years ago.

Adams told the cheering nationalist crowd the IRA's announcement on Wednesday that from midnight (2300 GMT) it was ceasing its war against British rule was a "historic and bold and decisive initiative."

"The onus is now on (British Prime Minister John) Major to seize this moment," he said.

There are some 400 Irish republican prisoners in Northern Ireland who Adams said should also be released.

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[Interview with Dick Spring, deputy prime minister and foreign
minister, by unidentified program announcer; place not given --
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[Text] [Announcer] On the line now is the Tanaiste and Minister
for Foreign Affairs, Dick Spring. Tanaiste, is this an historic
day?

[Spring] Yes I certainly believe that it is. The announcement
that there is a complete cessation of military operations and an end
to violence in Northern Ireland I think is very significant for the
people north and south.

[Announcer] And are you concerned, as has been pointed out or
been suggested by (Finton O'Toole) and, for example, also by Conor
Cruise, that the word permanent does not appear in the IRA
statement that they refer to a complete cessation of violence but
not a permanent cessation of violence?

[Spring] The government are going to meet to consider that
statement now, but as far as we're concerned I believe that it will
meet the requirements of the government as a complete cessation of
military operations, and they have given instructions accordingly. I
believe that there is the opportunity to ensure that this is the
permanent cessation of violence that we want on this island. It's
conditional, and I think that's extremely important.

[Announcer] What's the next step for the government?

[Spring] Well the government are going to meet to respond to
this. I assume that the Dail will have to consider this in the
course of the afternoon, obviously in consultation with the
opposition parties. I would hope that what happens now is that this
peace opportunity that exists will be availed of by all sides and
that there will be a period of calm and reflection. After all we
have been striving, indeed successive governments have been striving
for many years to take the bomb and the bullet out of Irish
politics. That opportunity is there now and I hope that we can
succeed in what we set out to do.

[Announcer] Obviously republicans are going to want to see some
movement, some political movement on demilitarization. And now
clearly you can have no part in any, quote-unquote,
demilitarization. But what about political movement? What about the
forum for reconciliation and peace and Sinn Fein involvement in it?

[Spring] Obviously I think we now look at what was said in the
Downing Street Declaration and everything is happening on the basis
of the Downing Street Declaration, what was said in relation to the
forum for peace and reconciliation. We obviously will have
consultation with the opposition parties in relation to looking at
the structures that are necessary. But I believe we have to move
slowly and steadily in relation to what's happening. It is obvious
that we want to have a period of calm and reflection, and we want to
make sure that this opportunity that now exists to ensure that
violence is not part of Irish politics is fully availed of. And
there will be consultation between the parties here in Dail Eireann
[House of Representatives] and I would hope that arising from that
we can come to some agreements in relation to the forum.

[Announcer] Now in an interview with David Davenport, our
northern editor, yesterday, Gerry Adams essentially threw down the
gauntlet to the British Government. Will the Irish Government be
moving to get the British Government to treat this sympathetically,
to look at the issue of prisoners sympathetically, to look at the
issue of -- quote-unquote -- demilitarization sympathetically?

[Spring] As I was saying, we have to look at all these issues in
due course. I don't think it's a question of throwing down the

submitted to the British Government. The British and Irish Governments have been working very steadfastly in relation to this matter, certainly since this Government was formed and indeed prior to that by previous governments. We have the determination to work together to solve the problem on this island, and we will continue to do that. And that is the cooperation of all the parties on this island, and hopefully now we will have all those parties, one more party as a democratically mandated party on this island.

[Announcer] Now the Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds, wanted to achieve peace, wanted to achieve an IRA cease-fire before proceeding with the essentials of a political agreement in relation to Northern Ireland, sir. He would appear to have achieved that. But the frame of talks which have been going on, how long, or how close, rather, are the two governments to agreement on the four central areas of the negotiations -- the internal arrangements, the north-south arrangements, the Dublin-London arrangements and, particularly, the constitutional arrangements?

[Spring] Significant progress has been made in relation to the framework document. And also of course it has been the government's consistent view that the prospects for a successful conclusion of talks would indeed be greatly enhanced in an atmosphere of peace. Now that atmosphere is being created today. And we will continue to work on the framework document, and obviously hope that we can have the balanced accommodation which would be honorable to all sides. And I would hope that can be done as a matter of, with speed, and within a matter weeks?

[Announcer] And what about articles two and three? Are articles two and three being energetically discussed at the moment [words indistinct]?

[Spring] I think it is well understood that the constitutional issue, indeed the institutional issues and cross-border issues -- these are all on the table and these will be subject to discussion between both governments.

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^IRA CEASEFIRE WINS ACCLAIM, SUSPICION@

LONDON, Aug 31 (Reuter) - The Irish Republican Army, one of the most tenacious of Europe's guerrilla organisations, declared a ceasefire on Wednesday that prompted both acclaim and suspicion.

Northern **Ireland's** Protestant leaders said they feared Britain had struck a secret deal with the IRA behind their backs and stood ready to betray the majority community. London denied it.

Protestant death squads who kill Roman Catholics at random to terrorise the community from which the guerrillas draw support, gave no hint that they would match the IRA step.

On often-bombed Belfast streets, there was joy in Catholic ghettos and grim resignation in Protestant strongholds.

U.S. President Bill Clinton was unambiguous in his response, saying it marked a new era for Irish people.

In Dublin, Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds welcomed the move, the first fruit of a joint peace initiative he and British counterpart John Major launched last December.

The Anglo-Irish Downing Street Declaration offers Sinn Fein a seat at peace talks and an end to its isolation three months after Europe's most formidable guerrilla army silences its Kalashnikov rifles and home-made mortars.

A jubilant Reynolds promised in a triumphant speech to parliament that there was "no hidden agenda."

Major said he was encouraged by the ceasefire statement but needed to know it was for good. If Sinn Fein, the IRA's political voice, wanted to join talks. He denied any secret deal.

"Once we have that I think we can move forward," Major said.

Privately, British officials acknowledged that if the IRA proved over the next three months or so that it could hold to a ceasefire, that would probably count as permanent.

Initial euphoria quickly gave way to political reality though as Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, demanded freedom for IRA prisoners and a withdrawal of British troops.

"Injustice must be ended, demilitarisation must begin immediately," he said. "All political prisoners must be released. The British government must immediately recognise Sinn Fein's democratic mandate."

Hardline Protestants such as Ulster Unionist Party leader James Molyneaux grudgingly welcomed the ceasefire declaration but said it made no mention of the IRA handing over an estimated 300 tonnes of arms.

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There has been a consistent need for the international community to exercise its goodwill and influence to assist in the resolution of conflict worldwide. This is generally recognised and acted upon. It has not, however, been a factor in the Anglo/Irish conflict. This situation needs rectified. The US government in particular, can play a very positive role especially at this critical phase in the peace process. There is an urgent need to break the current deadlock and to move the situation on towards a negotiated settlement and a lasting peace. This is the context in which I am seeking a waiver of the denial of a visa to me.

As President of Sinn Féin, the development and evolution of a peace strategy has been a personal and political priority for some time. It is now the central function of Sinn Féin as a political party. A series of initiatives taken by us over the last number of years culminated in the Irish peace initiative based on proposals by myself and SDLP leader John Hume - which directly led to the current opportunity for peace.

While I have never accepted the reasons advanced to deny me a visa to travel to the US, I accept that the decision was one taken by the US administration based upon its view of the political situation at that time. This situation has now changed dramatically. Sinn Féin has been involved in protracted dialogue and contact with the British government and has co-operated with the Dublin government and Mr Hume to advance the Irish peace initiative. Only this week Dublin's censorship laws were relaxed and as a consequence, hopefully, a more open and informed climate for debate will be created.

The creation of such a climate should be encouraged, not discouraged. The continued denial of a visa to me will not only perpetuate the denial to US citizens of their right to information but it will send a negative signal to those involved in the risky and difficult business of developing a genuine peace process. Of course, the US administration will be criticised if it takes this progressive step but the risk of such criticism is a small one compared to the risks being taken by people in Ireland.

The forum proposed by the National Committee on American Foreign Policy can assist the peace process in Ireland and I am very pleased to be invited to address this forum. I commend the committee. There is no risk involved in me going to the US, to any aspect of government policy. I am going to talk about peace in Ireland and between the people in Britain and Ireland.

The US government can promote peace here without taking sides. It can do this by facilitating the forum and the National

Committee on American Foreign Policy - by permitting the exchange of ideas and discussion and by thus actively seeking to encourage agreement.

Sinn Féin is not engaged in armed struggle. On the contrary, we seek an end to all armed actions and a demilitarisation of the conflict. The Sinn Féin leadership has been actively engaged in initiating and developing unarmed strategies for struggle. This should be encouraged not discouraged.

Gerry Adams
