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May 20, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: MARILYN DIGIACOBBE *MD*

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATION INVITEES FOR THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND

Following is an addendum list of Administration officials and staff for invitation to the Conference. This list includes Commerce Department submissions and NSC recommendations on the deliverables group. We are waiting for staff level additions from the State Department.

Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION:

Ann Stock
 Susan Brophy
 Alexis Herman
 Nancy Soderberg ✓
 Kathy Stephens

Martha Pope
 Jonathan Sallet
 Peter Hale
 Munir Hussein

To Brooke -
Can you pls get copies
of Brown + Mitchell starts.
seating for dinners +
Also lunch?
commerce
↳ Peter Hale
482-5341
8 page
- tomorrow am

**ADDITIONS TO ADMINISTRATION INVITEES FOR THE WHITE HOUSE
CONFERENCE FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND**

INTER-AGENCY

Secretary Ron Brown
U.S. Department of Commerce

Sen. George Mitchell
Special Advisor to the President
for Economic Initiatives in Ireland
U.S. Department of State

Gus Schumacher
Administrator
Foreign Agricultural Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Mary Ellen Withrow
Treasurer of the United States
U.S. Department of Treasury

Richard Gannon
Director
Advocacy Center
U.S. Department of Commerce

WHITE HOUSE

Alexander Vershbow
Special Assistant to the President and
Senior Director, European Affairs
National Security Council

Patricia McMahon
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of National Drug Control Policy

Kate Smith Carr
Special Assistant to the President
Office of Public Liaison

Marilyn DiGiacobbe
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Ben Johnson
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Erin O'Connor
Office of Legislative Affairs

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U.S. Department of Commerce

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U.S. Department of Commerce

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Office of Business Liaison
U.S. Department of Commerce

Gail Dobert
Office of Business Liaison
U.S. Department of Commerce

Virginia Manuel
Special Assistant
Office of A/S for International Economic Policy
U.S. Department of Commerce

Peter B. Hale
Director
Office of Policy Coordination
U.S. Department of Commerce

Kenneth Nichols
Director
Northern Europe Division
U.S. Department of Commerce

Robert McLaughlin
UK/Ireland Desk
U.S. Department of Commerce

Naomi P. Warbasse
White House Conference Staff
U.S. Department of Commerce

Charles Ford
Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs
American Embassy London

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SUBMISSIONS CONT.

Edward Cannon
Counselor for Commercial Affairs
American Embassy Dublin

Julie Montgomery
Policy and Planning Staff
U.S. Department of Commerce

Paul Rosenberg
Special Advisor to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce

NSC SUBMISSIONS/DELIVERABLES GROUP

Arthur P. De Coursey
Director of Inter-governmental Affairs
U.S. Small Business Administration

Paige Alexander
Agency for International Development

Susan Stahl
USIA

Brooke Darby
NSC

Richard Hughes
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Joe Clarke
U.S. Department of Commerce

Darby, M. Brooke

From: Fetig, James L.
To: Soderberg, Nancy E.
Cc: /R, Record at A1
Subject: FW: From Jake [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 1995 7:53PM

Nancy:

Finally tracked down Jake. He is converting Kathy Stephens' fact sheet into talking points -- what Mark wanted. Attached is a current status report. The press package is flaky. There is absolutely nothing to show you now. Jake will write Mark's cover letter tonight. He is due material from State tomorrow. I reiterated your concern (and mine).

From: Wozniak, Natalie S.
To: Fetig, James L.
CC: /R, Record at A1
Subject: From Jake [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 1995 07:43 PM

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Wednesday, May 17, 1995 (7:30 p.m.)

**IRISH CONFERENCE
Press Ramp-Up**

Week of May 8, 1995

- Send out Advisory and Fact Sheet on Conference (Commerce) -- **Done**
- Preliminary calls to reporters who may cover Conference. -- **Done**
- Research on columns and op-eds on Clinton and Ireland (White House) -- **Done**

Week of May 15, 1995

- Mailing to Irish-American press (White House to coordinate. State and Commerce to send suggested materials. Goal is to send out Thursday)
- Op-eds from Administration officials
 - Senator Mitchell (**Boston Globe**)
 - Secretary Brown (**Philadelphia Inquirer**)
 - Secretary Christopher (**Chicago Tribune**)
 - Ambassador Holbrook (**San Francisco Chronicle**)
- Solicit Op-Eds from influential panelists (Commerce and White House to coordinate)
- Solicit Op-Eds from Key Members of Congress
 - Congressman King (**NY Times**)
 - Congressman Joe Kennedy (**Boston Herald**)
- Begin background calls-interviews with key journalists
 - Mitchell (State)
 - The Economist
 - Jack Farrell, Boston Globe
 - Soderberg (NSC)
 - Stephens (NSC)
 - Gearan (White House)
- Worldnet Interview (May 17) - **Done**
- Build regional press around panelists, businesspeople (White House Media Affairs and Commerce to coordinate)
- Calls to key editorial boards (**See below for match-ups**)

Irish Press Ramp-Up
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Week of May 22, 1995

- Continue background calls to Key Journalists
(Commerce/State/NSC/White House)
- Continue calls to ed boards (Commerce/State/NSC/White House)

Monday, May 22, 1995

- Mitchell to hold briefings for key journalists-reporters. (See attached list)

Tuesday, May 23, 1995

- Press Party (White House and Commerce Officials to drop by.)
- Roosevelt Room briefing for columnists with the President (Tentative)
Mitchell (State), Soderberg (NSC), Gearan (White House),
Meissner or Sallet(Commerce)

Wednesday, May 24, 1995

- Briefing for Foreign Press at Foreign Press Center (Commerce/State/White House)
- State Department daily briefing to set up POTUS speech (State)
- Shape set-up pieces with calls to top newspapers (White House/State/NSC)
- Backgrounder for Irish-American press (Principals from NSC/State/Commerce; Media Affairs to coordinate)
- Television affiliate interviews (Media Affairs to coordinate with Commerce and State)

Thursday, May 25, 1995

- Morning shows (pitch Mitchell)
- President speaks to Conference (White House will coordinate)

Irish Press Ramp-Up

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- White House reception (Open Press?); Invites to press.
- Regional press with panelists and attendees (Peggy Lewis of Media Affairs and and Commerce to coordinate)
- White House briefing following POTUS speech (2:30 p.m. -- proposed; Mitchell (State), Soderberg (NSC), Sallet, (Commerce))

Friday, May 26, 1995

- Follow-up Mailing to Irish-American press
(Include speech, fact sheet, and photo)
(White House will coordinate)

**Ireland Trade Conference
Editorial Board Calls**

The Wall Street Journal

Robert L. Bartley
(212) 416-2551
Melanie Kirkpatrick - Assistant Editor
(212) 416-2553

Richard Holbrook

USA Today

Karen Jurgenson
(703) 276-3784
Juan Walte (Ireland)

Nancy Soderberg

Los Angeles Times

Thomas Plate
Jack Miles (Ireland)
(213) 237-7944

George Mitchell

The New York Times

Howell Raines
(212) 556-1875
Susanna Rodell - Assistant Editor
(212) 556-1875

Secretary Christopher

Washington Post

Meg Greenfield
(202) 334-7473
Stephen Rosenfeld - Deputy Editor
(202) 334-7478
Patricia Shakow (Ireland)

Secretary Christopher

New York Newsday

Ernest Tollerson
Adrian Perrachio (Ireland)
(212) 251-6943

Secretary Brown

Chicago Tribune

N. Don WyCliff
Michael Kilian (Ireland)
(312) 222-3431

Kathy Stephens

Irish Ed Board Calls
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Detroit Free Press

Joe Stroud
(313) 222-6583

Secretary Brown

Chicago Sun Times

Mark Hornung
(312) 321-2115

Richard Holbrook

San Francisco Chronicle

Tom Benet
(415) 777-7182

Nancy Soderberg

Boston Globe

Loretta McGloghlin
(617) 929-3044

George Mitchell

Philadelphia Inquirer

David Boldt
Mike Leary (Ireland)
(215) 854-4530

Nancy Soderberg

The Star Ledger

Neal Cocchia
(201) 877-4239

Joan Spero

Dallas Morning News

Rena Pederson
(214) 977-8259

Richard Holbrook

New York Post

Eric Breindel
(212) 815-8610

Nancy Soderberg

Cleveland Plain Dealer

Brent Larkin
(216) 999-4252
Tom Diemer (Ireland)

Joan Spero

Detroit News

Thomas Bray
(313) 222-2544

John Kornblum

Roosevelt Room Briefing

Mary McGrory, Washington Post
Thomas Friedman, New York Times
Al Hunt, Wall Street Journal
Tom Oliphant, Boston Globe
Mort Zuckerman, US News
Mark Shields, MacNeil-Lehrer
Chris Matthews, San Francisco Examiner
Michael Eliot, Newsweek
Niall O'Dowd, Publisher, Irish Voice and Irish America
Conor O'Cleary, Irish Times
Georgie Ann Geyer, syndicated
Tom Condon, Hartford Courant
Roger Simon, Baltimore Sun
Steve Rosenfeld, Washington Post
Michael Keane, St. Louis Post Dispatch
David Nyhan, Boston Globe
Jon Margolis, Chicago Tribune
Tim Russert, NBC
Jimmy Breslin, Newsday
Colman McCarthy, Washington Post
Plus British columnists (as suggested)

Monday Briefings with Mitchell and Meissner (or a phone call from a principal)

Larry O'Rourke, McClatchey
Steve Neal, Chicago Sun-Times
Steve Daley, Chicago Tribune
Jim Gerstenzang, LA Times
Dick Ryan, Detroit News
Mary Holland, Irish Times
Rob Morse, San Francisco Examiner
James Carroll, Knight Ridder
Lynn Sweet, Chicago Sun Times
Jack Farrell, Boston Globe
Jim Landers, Dallas Morning News
George Condon, Copley News Service
Plus reporters from latest Commerce-State list

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1995

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE ✓

SUBJECT: Your Participation in the White House Conference
for Trade and Investment in Ireland, May 24-26,
1995

You are participating in two events at the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland, which is being held May 24-26 at the Washington Sheraton Hotel. You will deliver the keynote speech at the morning plenary session May 25 and you will host a reception for the 1,000-plus Conference participants the evening of May 25 on the South Lawn. In addition, you have on your schedule as an option to drop-by a meeting the Vice President and/or I will have at the White House with Irish Deputy Prime Minister Dick Spring and British Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Sir Patrick Mayhew, the ranking representatives of their respective governments at the Conference. We will provide your public remarks separately. This book contains:

SCOPE MEMORANDUM

SCHEDULE OF KEY EVENTS

WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION

DROP-BY MEETING WITH SPRING AND MAYHEW

PRESS Q'S AND A'S

CONFERENCE INITIATIVES

BIOGRAPHIES

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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E.O. 13526

White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006

By W NARA, Date 4/4/11

2011-0355-F

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Declassify on: OADR

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ANTHONY LAKE ✓

SUBJECT:

Your Participation in the White House Conference
for Trade and Investment in Ireland, May 24-26**DECLASSIFIED
PER E.O. 13526**

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OVERVIEW

The White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland is unique in the history of U.S. relations with Ireland and with the United Kingdom. It is a tangible, dramatic demonstration of your commitment to seizing the opportunity for political and economic revitalization in Ireland that the cease-fire has created. The Irish-American community is thrilled with the Conference and will be well-represented. Every significant political party in Northern Ireland and the Republic will be represented at a high level, although the leaders of the two largest Unionist parties, James Molyneaux of the UUP and Ian Paisley of the DUP, have announced they are not attending, citing concerns that the business aims of the Conference will be overshadowed by politics (i.e., too much attention to Gerry Adams).

The key aim of the Conference is to demonstrate to U.S. business leaders that peace in Northern Ireland is real and that it opens opportunities for trade and investment in Northern Ireland and the border counties of the Republic most affected by the violence. U.S. business response to the Conference has been positive but not overwhelming; while acknowledging its advantages as a potential EU gateway, many American business leaders view the Irish market -- north or south -- as simply too small to deserve major attention. Nonetheless, the Conference has attracted a solid turn-out of over 300 U.S. business leaders and an impressive collection of 100 British and Irish business leaders, in addition to an extraordinary range of British and Irish governmental, political and community leaders from across the political and social spectrum. Indeed, the Conference will bring together for the first time key figures from each of Northern Ireland's political parties, including Sinn Fein and the political arms of the loyalist paramilitaries, as well as the larger constitutional parties. They will be joined by a large contingent of Irish figures from the Republic, particularly the border counties.

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Declassify on: OADR

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

We have emphasized two points in the run-up to the Conference: It is a business, not political, event, and it is a milestone in an ongoing process of promoting economic regeneration in the region rather than an end in itself. That said, press attention will focus on the politics of the occasion, particularly Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams' first meeting -- which the British are terming "informal" -- with British Secretary of State Sir Patrick Mayhew.

YOUR OBJECTIVES

- o Highlight to American business leaders the improved opportunities for trade and investment in Ireland created by peace.
- o Underscore the critical relationship between economic hope and political progress, between investment and fair employment, and between jobs and peace.
- o Remind the disparate political and community leaders present at the Conference of their shared interest in fostering increased trade and investment in their communities, and encourage them to work together on these issues.
- o Reach out to the Unionists represented at the Conference, assuring them of our commitment to a just settlement in Northern Ireland that enjoys the support and democratic consent of both communities.
- o Advance our economic initiatives in Ireland, making clear the deep and abiding commitment of the Administration to supporting peace and economic progress.

BACKGROUND

The Conference. You announced your intention to hold this Conference on November 1, 1994 as part of a package of economic initiatives to support peace in Northern Ireland. On December 1, 1994, you appointed Senator George Mitchell to be Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State for Economic Initiatives in Ireland. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown traveled to Belfast in mid-December 1994 to attend British Prime Minister John Major's investment conference; Brown also visited Dublin.

The Conference is designed to focus on areas of special potential in the economy of Northern Ireland and the border counties, including tourism, tradeable services, manufacturing and information technologies. We will report on the progress made on

the Administration's economic initiatives and announce follow-up actions, including your visit to the area later this year if you so decide.

The Peace Process. A British junior minister, Michael Ancram, joined talks with Sinn Fein on May 10. The British have also extended invitations to the other political parties of Northern Ireland (with the exception of Sinn Fein and the loyalist paramilitary parties, who are still in "exploratory dialogue") to start bilateral discussions on the future of Northern Ireland, using the Framework Documents announced earlier this year as the basis for talks. They have begun individual meetings with the Unionists and Hume's SDLP and had the first "multilateral" meeting last Thursday between Major, Unionist leader Molyneux and Hume.

Sinn Fein believes it is stuck in exploratory talks and is now insisting on full parity with other parties in bilateral talks with the British. They have held several mostly peaceful protests on this issue. British Secretary of State Sir Patrick Mayhew has offered to meet "informally" with Gerry Adams at the beginning of the Washington Conference; we are telling Sinn Fein this should give them enough to keep them in dialogue with the junior minister.

Prime Minister Major has stated that Sinn Fein's entry into roundtable talks with mainstream political parties depends on Sinn Fein gaining "the confidence of other parties by making a commitment to progressive disarmament and by beginning a verifiable process of decommissioning." He claims the Unionists will not agree to join talks with Sinn Fein absent progress on decommissioning. The British do not expect a wholesale surrender of IRA arms, but they do expect Sinn Fein to agree that stockpiles must be verified and dismantled in stages. The British and Irish governments have indicated that a third party, perhaps a Nordic country, might be invited to oversee the process.

We need to continue to push Sinn Fein to stay engaged in the current round of talks and to make some confidence-building gestures on the decommissioning issue. At the same time, we should urge the British and the Unionists to recognize that substantial decommissioning of weapons is likely to come much later in the political process and that, with the cease-fire approaching its first anniversary in August, it is important to get all-party talks underway as soon as possible.

Although Irish Prime Minister Bruton emphasized the importance of progress on decommissioning earlier this month when he met with Major in Moscow, the British are irate over recent Irish

government suggestions to the press that British insistence on even a token IRA gesture on arms before substantive talks was neither practical nor helpful. HMG feels it has no more room to maneuver on decommissioning and that Irish dismissal of even a token gesture of decommissioning only encouraged hardliners on both sides.

Unionist leader Jim Molyneaux pulled out of the conference on Friday following Sir Patrick Mayhew's announcement of his planned "informal" meeting with Gerry Adams at the conference. We are pushing him to reverse that decision but are unlikely to succeed. There will be second-tier Unionists at the conference, however, and we will make sure they receive high level attention.

Conference "Deliverables." We will issue on May 25, the morning of your speech to the plenary session, a press announcement which updates and expands upon the economic initiatives program you announced November 1, 1994 (Draft of May 25 announcement is attached). Your speech will highlight a few of these initiatives; Commerce Secretary Brown will use his remarks (which precede yours) to go into more detail on them. The "deliverables" we will announce include:

- Your intention to visit the UK and Ireland later this year (if you approve);
- George Mitchell's continuing as Special Advisor for Economic Initiatives in Ireland (Mitchell has committed to staying at least until the end of 1995; his office at the State Department will be staffed and engaged on this issue at least through 1996);
- A renewal of your commitment to increase U.S. funding for the International Fund for Ireland in FY96 and 97 (although in the current climate on the Hill IFI we may have to settle for retaining the \$19.6 level of recent years);
- Our proposal to the IFI that they establish a Technology Trust Fund for Peace, inspired by John Cullinane's idea of a BIRD-type program which would support R&D joint ventures;
- A number of new Commerce Department programs, including a new management intern program bringing Northern Ireland and border counties managers to work in U.S. firms, a new Business Information Center for Northern Ireland and the border counties accessible by 24-hour flash-fax, and a permanent Commerce Department presence in Belfast;

- Several new USIA, SBA, USDA and other agency initiatives, including increased exchanges and grants for Northern Ireland projects;
- A hoped-for signing of a joint communique on tourism cooperation between the U.S., Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.
- A number of follow-on trade missions.

VISAS

We have granted 3 month multiple-entry visas with no fundraising restrictions to about ten individuals -- both Sinn Fein and loyalist paramilitaries. There is little press interest in the issue now since the Adam's visa was resolved in March. However, the access to the U.S. to officials on both sides is an important confidence building measure.

EVENTS

Speech to the Plenary Session. You will speak to the 1,000-plus participants in the Conference during the morning plenary session on May 25. Your speech is being billed in the UK and Ireland as the first substantive address by an American President devoted specifically to Ireland and will be exhaustively analyzed. We will have the speech ready for your review on Monday.

White House Reception. You are hosting a reception on the South Lawn for the Conference participants. We have prepared short talking points for use with the main Northern Ireland political leaders who will be present.

Drop-by on Spring-Mayhew Meeting. You are tentatively scheduled to drop by a meeting that the Vice President or I will have with Irish Deputy Prime Minister Dick Spring and British Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Sir Patrick Mayhew, the two ranking Irish and British government representatives at the Conference. I recommend that you try and drop by in order to underscore your commitment to the peace process and continuing engagement in it. Pressure for progress needs to be maintained on all fronts.

Drop-by Columnists. We also recommend you drop-by a meeting on Tuesday in the Roosevelt Room with columnists who follow the Irish issue. Suggested talking points and Q & A's are attached.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

12:00 noon-8:00 p.m. Registration opens

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Opening Reception

8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Dinner

Welcome: Senator George Mitchell

Invocation: Cardinal Daly and Reverend Dunlop

Remarks: Ronald H. Brown, Secretary of Commerce

Keynote: Vice President Al Gore

THURSDAY, MAY 25

7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

Welcome: Richard C. Holbrooke, Assistant
Secretary of State for European and Canadian
Affairs

Mr. William Farley, CEO, Fruit of the Loom

Mr. William Flynn, Chairman and CEO, Mutual
of America Life Insurance Company

Mr. Donald Keough, Chairman and CEO, Allen &
Company

Mr. James Lyons, U.S. Observer,
International Fund for Ireland

9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Plenary Session

Senator George J. Mitchell

Ronald H. Brown, Secretary of Commerce

Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. President Clinton's Address

11:30 a.m. Break

12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Luncheon

Introduction by: Jean Kennedy Smith, U.S.
Ambassador to Ireland

Remarks: Dick Spring, Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister for Foreign Affairs

Introduction by: William J. Crowe, U.S.
Ambassador to the U.K.

Remarks: Sir Patrick Mayhew, Secretary of
State for Northern Ireland

2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions

Business Partnerships
Tourism
Food Industries
Information Technologies
Community Development

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. White House Reception

FRIDAY, MAY 26

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Breakfast

Monika Wulf-Mathies, Commissioner of the
European Commission
Richard Bruton, Minister for Enterprise and
Employment, Ireland
Baroness Denton, Parliamentary
Undersecretary of State, Northern Ireland
Office (Economic Development and Agriculture)

9:30-10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m.-12 noon Breakout Sessions

Manufacturing
Tradable Services
Employment
Business Partnerships

PULL-ASIDES WITH NORTHERN IRELAND POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS

CONTEXT OF MEETING

You will have the opportunity for brief exchanges with the Northern Ireland political figures attending the Conference during the May 25 White House reception. Provided below are core points to make to each of them.

CORE POINTS

UUP Deputy Leader Ross

- We regret that your party leader Jim Molyneux decided not to attend the Conference.
- We concur with his desire to have the emphasis of the Conference remain on business, but we were looking forward to a substantive exchange of views with Mr. Molyneux on the peace process.
- We strongly endorse your party's dialogue with John Hume and the SDLP. That dialogue is an important part of the process.
- Inevitably, any lasting settlement in Northern Ireland will have to have the full support of the two largest parties. The more you can work together, the greater the prospects for genuine agreement and reconciliation.
- Job-creating investments and trade will give people a real interest in keeping the peace and denying comfort to the paramilitaries.
- This Conference only marks the beginning of our efforts to promote business interest in Northern Ireland.

DUP Deputy Leader Robinson

- We are sorry that Dr. Paisley decided not to attend the Conference. As Northern Ireland's leading vote-winner, he has an important role to play in the peace, political and economic processes.
- This Conference only marks the beginning of our efforts to promote business interest in Northern Ireland.

- Job creating investments and trade will give people a real interest in keeping the peace and denying comfort to the paramilitaries.

SDLP Leader John Hume

- We strongly support the separate dialogues that your party is holding with the UUP and the DUP. That dialogue is a critical part of the peace process.
- Any lasting settlement will have to have, at minimum, strong support from the main parties representing both traditions.
- We hope you will continue to urge Sinn Fein not only to discuss arms decommissioning seriously, but to begin some actual decommissioning as early as possible. This would be the single most important step in moving the peace process forward.
- This Conference only marks the beginning of our efforts to promote business interest in Northern Ireland.
- Job-creating investments and trade will give people a real interest in keeping the peace and denying comfort to the paramilitaries.

Alliance Party Leader John Alderdice

- We have great respect for the important role your party has played in bridging the two traditions in Northern Ireland.
- We hope you will continue to urge Sinn Fein and the loyalist parties not only to discuss arms decommissioning seriously, but to begin some actual decommissioning. This would be the singlemost important step in moving the peace process forward.
- This Conference only marks the beginning of our efforts to promote business interest in Northern Ireland.
- Job-creating investments and trade will give people a real interest in keeping the peace.

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams

- We strongly support the talks your party is holding with British ministers. We encourage you to continue to deepen and intensify this dialogue.

Government Officials and
Political Parties at the White House Conference

Northern Ireland

Government Officials

Sir Patrick Mayhew, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
Baroness Denton, Parliamentary Undersecretary of State,
Economic Development and Agriculture, Northern Ireland Office

Ulster Unionist Party (UUP)

William Ross
Jim Nicholson, MP (MEP)
Jim Wilson
Jeffrey Donaldson
Jack Allen
Dennis Rogan

Democratic Unionist Party (DUP)

Peter Robinson, MP, Deputy Leader
Willie McCrea, MP
Nigel Dodds (former Lord Mayor of Dublin)

Social Democratic Labor party (SDLP)

John Hume, MP (MEP), Leader
Eddie McGrady, MP
Seamus Mallon, MP
Joe Hendron, MP
Mark Durken
Alex Attwood

Alliance

John Alderdice, Leader
Sean Neeson
Geraldine Rice
Peter Osborne

Ulster Democratic Party (UDP)

Gary McMichael
John White

Progressive Unionist Party (PUP)

David Ervine

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Sinn Fein

Gerry Adams, Leader
Kevin O'Cullaine
Mairead Keane
Shannon Eaton

Workers Party

Tom French

Democratic Left

Seamus Lynch

Leading Government Officials

Dick Spring, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign
Affairs
Ruairi Quinn, Minister for Finance
Richard Bruton, Minister for Enterprise and Employment
Enda Kenny, Minister for Tourism and Trade
Pat Rabbitte, Minister of State to the Government

Labour

Deputy Michael Bell
Senator Ann Gallagher
Senator Sean Maloney

Fine Gael

Senator Bill Cotter
Deputy Seymour Crawford
Deputy Dinny McGinley
Deputy Ted Nealon
Deputy Andrew Boylan

Fianna Fail

Deputy Bertie Ahern, Party Leader
Deputy Mary O'Rourke
Deputy Ray Burke (Spokesperson on Northern Ireland)
Deputy Rory O'Hanlon
Deputy Dermot Ahern
Deputy James McDaid
Deputy Mary Coughlan
Senator Paddy McGowan

Progressive Democrats

Deputy Mary Harney

Deputy Desmond O'Malley (Spokesperson on Northern Ireland)

Democratic Left

Deputy Kathleen Lynch

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MEETING WITH
IRISH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DICK SPRING AND
BRITISH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND PATRICK MAYHEW

CONTEXT OF MEETING

You will drop by a meeting hosted by the Vice President or Tony Lake with the two ranking Irish and British government representatives at the Conference, Dick Spring and Sir Patrick Mayhew. Both men will want to express their appreciation to you for the personal attention you have devoted to the Conference and to encouraging U.S. businesses to invest in the area.

There is a gap developing between the British and Irish governments over the question of progress on arms decommissioning as the price of admission for Sinn Fein (and the loyalist paramilitaries) to all-party talks. Some elements of the Irish government believe the British are insisting on something Sinn Fein/IRA can never deliver, and that even if a token handover of weapons occurred, it would only whet Unionist demands for more.

YOUR OBJECTIVES

- Urge the British and Irish to continue to work together closely and to keep their disagreements private.
- Discuss your possible visit to the United Kingdom and Ireland later in the year, as well as a possible stop in Northern Ireland.

CORE POINTS

- Both of your governments have made courageous efforts to achieve peace in Northern Ireland.
- Job creation through trade and investment is the key to cementing the cease-fire and giving people an interest in maintaining peace.
- This Conference is only the beginning of our efforts to attract business to Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland. Senator Mitchell and his staff intend to continue working with the Commerce Department to follow up on the Conference.
- We will continue to push Sinn Fein on decommissioning.

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PRESS Q'S AND A'S

OVERVIEW

- Want to draw your attention to this week's White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland, May 24-26, which is a high point in the Administration's sustained efforts to support peace, reconciliation and economic revitalization in Ireland.
- Americans have deep ties of kinship, culture and history with the United Kingdom and Ireland. U.S. interests also flow from our commitment to a peaceful, democratic and prosperous Europe and to the protection and enhancement of human rights throughout the world. The Administration is actively engaged in supporting the extraordinary opportunity for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland that now exists.
- The transformation of Northern Ireland over the past two years has been extraordinary: the region is enjoying a peace unknown in a generation, there is new hope for economic revitalization, and the British and Irish prime ministers are deeply committed to working closely together with the people of Northern Ireland to reach a lasting, democratic political settlement.
- From the beginning of my Administration, I have been deeply engaged in supporting the search for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.
- The Clinton Administration was the first to put International Fund for Ireland (IFI) funding in the budget it sent to Congress, and is now proposing an increase in funding to help consolidate the peace.
- The Administration has reached out to a broad spectrum of views in Northern Ireland, including with the granting of a visa to Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams in January 1993, a decision which helped bring about the IRA cease-fire.
- The Administration has also reached out in an unprecedented way to leaders of Northern Ireland's unionist and loyalist communities. The Vice President and the National Security Advisor have met several times with leaders of the largest Unionist party and the Administration has reached out to parties associated with loyalist paramilitaries who have renounced violence.
- I have made clear time and again my active commitment to supporting the joint efforts of the Irish and British

governments to bring about an end to violence and promote a lasting political settlement.

- Following the declaration of cease-fires by the IRA and loyalist paramilitaries in August and October 1994 respectively, in November 1994 I set forth a number of initiatives to increase U.S. support for the political and economic revitalization of Northern Ireland and the border counties of the Republic:
 - I appointed former Senator George Mitchell as Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State for Economic Initiatives in Ireland. Senator Mitchell is leading the efforts of all U.S. government agencies promoting economic development in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland;
 - This week's White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland;
 - Increased funding for the International Fund for Ireland to total nearly \$60 million over the next two years; and
 - New and expanded efforts by the Department of Commerce, USIA and the National Endowment for Democracy to seize the opportunities presented by peace. As part of the initiative, Commerce Secretary Ron Brown led a delegation of U.S. business leaders to the British Government-sponsored Belfast Investment Conference and to Dublin in December 1994.

SPECIFIC Q AND A:

Q: What is the U.S. doing to advance the peace process?

A: -- The U.S. has actively supported efforts by the people of Northern Ireland and the British and Irish governments to find a settlement.

-- In November, I laid out a number of initiatives to increase our support for the political/economic revitalization of Northern Ireland and the border counties, including: increased funding for the International Fund for Ireland (IFI) for projects in Ireland and Northern Ireland, and several other programs to be funded by the Department of Commerce, USIA, and the National Endowment for Democracy.

-- I appointed former Senator Mitchell as Special Advisor to the President and Secretary of State for Economic Initiatives in Ireland. Mitchell is leading the

efforts of all U.S. government agencies promoting economic development in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland and overseeing the White House Conference on Trade and Investment which will take place May 24-26.

Q: U.S. reaction to first meeting of Sinn Fein with British Minister?

A: -- We welcome the first meeting at ministerial level between the British government and Sinn Fein. These talks took place in Belfast on May 10. We welcome Sinn Fein's readiness to undertake serious discussions on the issue of arms decommissioning. We have made clear to Mr. Gerry Adams that we expect Sinn Fein to move forward on this issue.

-- Similarly, we applaud the willingness of British ministers to address other issues of concern to Sinn Fein.

-- UK ministers already have held several rounds of talks with representatives of loyalist groups that agreed to an agenda including serious discussions on decommissioning arms.

Q: Did you pressure the British to have Mayhew meet with Gerry Adams during the conference?

A: -- No. We told them it was entirely up to them and Sinn Fein to decide whether and how they wished to meet at the Conference. While we welcome whatever dialogue the parties choose to have during the Conference, our focus is on using the Conference to promote increased U.S. trade and investment in the area.

Q: Are you or other Administration officials going to have separate meetings with Adams or other Northern Ireland political figures in Washington for the conference?

A: -- I look forward to chatting informally with many of the Conference participants at the White House reception on May 25. I have no plans for separate meetings with Northern Irish officials. [May see Spring and Mayhew.]

Q: Why allow Gerry Adams to raise funds in the U.S.?

A: -- Adams has been issued a 3-month, multiple-entry visa for the U.S. and permitted to raise funds. Funds raised must be used entirely for legitimate political activities in compliance with relevant U.S., British and Irish law.

- Q: Wasn't progress on decommissioning a condition of letting Adams fundraise? The IRA still hasn't given up any weapons.
- A: -- As we said when Adams was granted his last visa, we welcomed Sinn Fein's expressed readiness to engage in a serious discussion of decommissioning with the British government. We believe the participation of a British minister in the talks marks a step forward. We expect Sinn Fein will take a serious and positive approach to the decommissioning issue as these talks continue.
- Q: Will direct aid be discussed and/or considered by the conference? Will Secretary Brown's economic strategy paper address the issue of aid to Ireland? Will there be an increase in the amount of funds provided to the International Fund for Ireland?
- A: -- The conference will focus on opportunities for the private sector to pursue mutually beneficial business development, especially in and with Northern Ireland and the six border counties of Ireland.
- Secretary Brown's economic strategy paper will present in some detail the initiatives that U.S. federal government agencies will carry out or support after the conference.
- The Administration will work hard to obtain Congressional approval for increased funding for IFI. This funding is vital to support the IFI in undertaking initiatives needed to consolidate the gains of peace in Northern Ireland and the border counties, and to build cross-community economic and political cooperation. Our budget request is for \$29.6 million each in FY 96 and FY 97.
- Q: What will be accomplished by this conference?
- A: -- We want American companies to take a close look at business possibilities in Northern Ireland and the six border counties of Ireland. Peace opens new avenues of commerce; increased business development can help alleviate the conditions that have bred violence in the past.
- Q: How were the participants chosen? Are the political parties (Gerry Adams) invited to participate? What is their role? Are religious leaders invited to participate? What is their role?

- A: -- A wide variety of sources, including the British and Irish governments, our Embassies in Dublin and London as well as our Consulate General in Belfast, and numerous non-government and business organizations and individuals were consulted in developing the broadly representative list of invitees to the conference.
- A wide range of manufacturers and service providers potentially interested in the region as a base for operation in the European Union have been invited.
- Representatives of political parties from United Kingdom and Ireland will be present at the Conference.
- Political parties will have no formal role at the conference.
- Leaders of the four principal faiths in Northern Ireland and Ireland are invited to the Conference. They have been invited to deliver invocations during the Conference.
- Q: How does this conference follow up on your announcement of November 1?
- A: -- The White House statement "Supporting Peace in Northern Ireland" launched an effort to encourage business development, especially in the areas most affected by violence over the past twenty-five years. The Conference is intended to be a milestone in this sustained endeavor.
- Q: Is this a political conference or solely a business conference?
- A: -- Representatives of political parties are welcome at the conference, but this is emphatically a business conference.
- We anticipate that the representatives of political parties in attendance at the conference will do their best to demonstrate the increased attractiveness of Northern Ireland and the six border counties of Ireland as places to do business.
- Q: What will the economic strategy paper include? Will there be any follow-up to the conference?
- A: -- The economic strategy paper will provide an overview of the economies of Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland and offer some thoughts about the commercial potential of the region. It will also

outline in some detail measures that the U.S. government will undertake or support as follow-up to the conference.

Q: Who pays for the conference?

A: -- Private sponsors will donate a portion of the costs. The Irish and British governments will generously co-host the May 25 lunch. Registration fees will cover the remainder of the costs.

Q: Will the issue of "fair employment" or the MacBride principles be considered at the Conference?

A: -- One of the nine breakout sessions at the conference will concentrate exclusively on employment issues in Northern Ireland.

-- People engaged in these issues from Northern Ireland will serve on the panel. These include prospectively an advocate of the MacBride principles, proponents of the Call for Fair Employment and Investment issued by religious leaders of Northern Ireland and the U.S., an official of the Fair Employment Commission in Northern Ireland, a representative of a company with an improved record on employment, and a representative of the Northern Ireland Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights.

Q: What is your reaction to the House International Affairs Committee recent linkage of observance of MacBride principles to IFI funding?

A: -- The Administration supports the goals of fair employment which the MacBride Principles embody. However, we do not favor placing conditions on the funding we provide IFI, which in any case has an excellent record of attention to and effectiveness on fair employment issues in its own right.

Q: How will the participants have input at the conference and beyond?

A: -- The Commerce Department will organize matchmaking meetings at the Conference, putting together representatives from American companies with those from Ireland and Northern Ireland for preliminary discussions on possible business relationships.

-- The breakout sessions will offer conference attendees opportunities to engage in discussions with panelists.

- Perhaps most importantly, the conference offers an opportunity to make new contacts and renew old ones, contacts that could promote mutually profitable business development.
- Q: Will there be additional tax incentives discussed at the conference?
- A: -- The Industrial Development Board (IDB) of Northern Ireland and the Industrial Development Agency (IDA) in Ireland offer differing, but highly attractive packages, including substantial tax breaks, to potential investors.
- The conference will offer ample opportunity to explore the tax advantages available to investors. For example, IDB and IDA will participate in the Business Partnership breakout session which will be held on both May 25 and May 26.
- Q: Won't job creation in Ireland take jobs away from Americans here at home?
- A: -- More business development, including increased trade, should create new jobs on both sides of the Atlantic. Establishment of a business base in the region should provide new access to EU markets for U.S. companies and thus increase the prospects for sales of U.S.-made goods and services.
- Q: The EU is second to the U.S. as a contributor to the International Fund for Ireland, but money available from EU regional funds substantially exceeds the resources available to IFI. Isn't it more likely that EU firms rather than U.S. companies will get contacts?
- A: -- EU funds are primarily aimed at infrastructure projects. Recent agreements on government procurement will permit American companies, on a case-by-case basis, to bid on such projects.
- Q: Will there be any additional incentives considered for businesses already invested in Ireland?
- A: -- Both IDA and IDB offer attractive incentives to foreign businesses considering new investments and/or expansion of current operations in the respective areas of responsibility of these two economic development organizations.
- Q: Will discussion of community development include infrastructure?

A: -- The community development breakout session will probably discuss the importance of an adequate infrastructure in attracting companies to communities. A representative of the International Fund for Ireland, which supports a number of infrastructure projects, has been invited to participate in the discussion as a panelist.

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SUPPORTING PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND:

THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVES

On November 1, 1994 the President announced a package of Administration initiatives to support the economic revitalization of Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland, including the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland being held May 24-26 in Washington. The Administration has developed a number of new initiatives and will continue to identify additional ways in which the U.S. can support political progress and economic prosperity in the region.

Presidential Visit to Ireland and the United Kingdom [Tentative]

The President has accepted invitations from the British and Irish governments to visit London and Dublin (at a mutually agreeable date in late 1995 or early 1996.) One key objective of his trip will be to further encourage increased trade and investment in the region and to demonstrate the President's strong personal support for the efforts of the British and Irish governments to further the peace process in Northern Ireland.

Office of the Special Advisor for Economic Initiatives in Ireland

Last December the President appointed Senator George Mitchell as Special Advisor to him and the Secretary of State for Economic Initiatives in Ireland. The Office of the Special Advisor at the State Department, under Senator Mitchell's leadership, will continue through 1995 to work closely with other government agencies and private entities to coordinate implementation of the President's economic initiatives.

Increased U.S. Funding for the International Fund for Ireland

The President's budget request for FY 96 includes a proposed \$10 million increase in funding for the International Fund for Ireland (IFI). In light of the important role the IFI is playing in consolidating the peace and bringing new economic opportunities to the areas most affected by violence, the President will urge the Congress to join with the European Union in increasing funding for this vital effort.

Science and Technology Cooperation

U.S. and Northern Ireland officials have increased cooperation in the science and technology area with the aim of establishing in Northern Ireland a Manufacturing Technology Partnership, networking industry-university cooperative research centers in Northern Ireland and the U.S., and setting up technology internships. We are working to establish similar programs with Ireland.

Through the United States' annual contribution to the International Fund for Ireland, new projects are currently being designed to support the area of science and technology. Three new Technology Innovation Centers totaling \$3 million will be funded this year to meet the needs of industry in key technology areas in Northern Ireland and the border counties. The proposals cover areas such as engineering, value-added food production, environmental technologies and software engineering.

U.S. Trade and Development Agency

TDA sent a technical team to the region earlier this year which identified several opportunities for U.S. firms in the transportation and environment sectors in Northern Ireland and the border counties. TDA has published the team's findings and made them available to business participants at the Conference.

United States Information Agency Programs

USIA has almost doubled its number of International Visitor participants from Northern Ireland as well as facilitating a number of significant voluntary visitor programs related to the peace process. USIA has notified Congress of its intent to award a grant of \$123,420 to Fordham University School of Law for a project on conflict resolution exchange program to be implemented by Fordham in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Conflict at the University of Ulster. USIS London is also providing a \$10,000 grant to provide for six American experts to participate in a June conference in Belfast organized by the Foundation for a Civil Society in collaboration with the University of Ulster Initiative on Conflict Resolution and Ethnicity. A full-time USIS national position has been created at the U.S. Consulate General in Belfast to help manage this expanded program. The President has instructed USIA to continue to identify additional areas for increased activity including academic and other exchange programs which underpin the peace process, cultural programs and media support for U.S. official delegations.

The Export-Import Bank of the United States

Ex-Im financing assistance for U.S. exports to the public and private sectors in Ireland and Northern Ireland is available, without restriction, under all Ex-Im Bank loan, guarantee, and insurance programs. Further information is available at the Conference or by calling 1-800-565-EXIM.

U.S. AID

AID's Assistant Administrator for Europe and the NIS led an AID team to Northern Ireland and the border counties in December 1994 to assess International Fund for Ireland programs. The report from that mission concluded that IFI is playing a positive role in the peace process; copies of the report are available from AID.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

The Department of Agriculture has organized three exchanges and one workshop involving U.S. specialists working with Northern Ireland and border counties counterparts on issues of mutual concern including rural development, food safety, rural environment and energy production from agricultural biomass and wastes. We are also working to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding for Agricultural Cooperation with Ireland.

Tourism Cooperation

The Department of Commerce's U.S. Travel and Tourism Administration is working to strengthen its cooperation with tourism officials in Northern Ireland and the border counties, with the aim of reaching an accord on tourism technical assistance and cooperation by the end of 1995.

SBA

The Small Business Administration has established a pilot program with SBA client companies seeking strategic alliances with Irish and Northern Irish firms. A meeting has been set for the week of the Conference with representatives from FORBAIRT (SBA what is this?) and SBA Regional Administrators Boston, New York and Philadelphia to discuss and exchange company names for possible alliances.

National Endowment for Democracy

The National Endowment for Democracy is a Congressionally-funded organization which provides grants to institutions for the support of programs which foster the development of political

parties and the democratic political process overseas. In Northern Ireland the NED is funding a program by the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI). Under this program, NDI held a successful party training program in September 1994. A series of 10-12 focus groups are planned for June 1995 to demonstrate how survey research can be used by political parties. NDI anticipates a second multi-party training seminar in September 1995. Additionally NED is providing support funding for the June 1995 conference in Belfast organized by the Foundation for a Civil Society and the University of Ulster.

OPIC

OPIC programs are available in Northern Ireland and "affected areas" of Ireland under the Anglo-Irish Agreement Support Act of 1986. OPIC encourages U.S. businesses to invest in developing countries and emerging market economies, creating U.S. jobs and exports and promoting economic growth at home and abroad. OPIC programs include medium to long-term financing for sound overseas investment projects and investment insurance.

Follow-on Trade and Investment Missions

Senator Mitchell will lead a mission to the region in July 1995 to demonstrate American interest in the economic advancement of Northern Ireland and the border counties. In addition, the Department of Commerce will poll the White House Conference attendees to develop a program of sectoral trade and investment missions to the region. These missions will commence as soon as practical, with the aim of concluding three by yearend. Commerce Assistant Secretary Meissner will visit the region immediately following the Conference to debrief government and business officials on Conference results and to lay the groundwork for the sectoral missions.

In the United States, Grand Rapids, Michigan will be the first Commerce Department District Office to hold a Northern Ireland seminar in the aftermath of the White House Conference. The Grand Rapids seminar is scheduled for September 1995.

Nongovernmental Efforts

We are pleased that the Administration's engagement in supporting expanded trade, investment and exchanges with Northern Ireland and the border counties of the Republic has been accompanied by a new commitment by private Americans to fostering the same goals. Illustrative of this heightened engagement is the Business Education Initiative of the U.S. Presbyterian and Roman Catholic churches, which with the participation of the Northern Ireland officials and a number of U.S. colleges is bringing some 100

Catholic and Protestant students to the U.S. this fall for one year of business training. Another example of private cooperation efforts is an Agreement of Cooperation signed between Virginia Commonwealth University, the Queen's University in Belfast and the Queen's University in Armagh to initiate a training and internship project aimed at integrating Northern Ireland's business community into the fabric of world commerce. (Other examples to follow)

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To: Soderberg, Nancy E.
Cc: /R, Record at A1; @PRESS - Public Affairs
Subject: Report on Conference Call [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 1995 6:34PM

The call was as chaotic that the last meeting.

Conclusions:

o Press mailing: Incomplete. All Jake has is the NSC fact sheet. In put from other agencies due tomorrow a.m. To you for approval by COB tomorrow. Requirement is for Monday delivery. Gearan's office will produce the cover letter. Great concern that the media will only focus on politics and not the economics (no kidding!) May be source of Gearan's (unspoken) concern about lack of snazz in NSC fact sheet. Am running down who fixes.

o Media background schedule and the grouping of reporters has been adjusted. Mitchell/Meissner will be able to do most, if not all.

Two sessions Tuesday: (Mitchell/Meissner)

- AP, Reuters, the Post, NYT, LAT, USA Today, WSJ
- Special interest press: O'Rourke, Daley, Ryan, etc.

Wednesday: (Mitchell/Meissner)

- 11:00 Foreign Press Center
- 12:30 DOS Briefing

o The lists of editorial boards and columnists need revision. Their schedule remains the same.

o Our next meeting is scheduled as an follow-on to your 1 p.m. Friday, according to Jake.

o Post-POTUS speech backgrounder: probably Mitchell/Meissner (May be you.)

*Brooke -
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together mailing ideas -
POTUS stmts, Mitchell + Brown
can you take a crack at
snazzing up our 2 pager?
MS
Case Studies*