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1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ -- ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR REINFORCED REF A POINTS WITH SINN FEIN PRESIDENT GERRY ADAMS JUNE 28, STRESSING THAT USG DECISIONS HAD BEEN BASED ON CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS AND WE NEEDED TO KNOW WHETHER THOSE ASSUMPTIONS WERE CORRECT. ADAMS SOUGHT TO REASSURE US THAT HIS PARTY WAS COMMITTED TO THE PEACE PROCESS, INCLUDING EVENTUAL DECOMMISSIONING OF ARMS ON ALL SIDES, BUT HE CONTINUED TO RULE OUT EVEN A TOKEN GESTURE BEFORE ALL-PARTY TALKS AND SAID OUR TALKING POINTS WERE ILL-INFORMED. HE COMPLAINED AT LENGTH ABOUT HMG, BUT SAID HE WAS TRYING TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS THROUGH THE IRISH GOVERNMENT.
3. THE FIRMNESS OF THE DEMARCHE CLEARLY GRABBED ADAMS' ATTENTION, AND MAY GENERATE SOME DEBATE WITHIN THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT. IF HE WANTS, ADAMS COULD USE IT AS LEVERAGE WITH IRA HARDLINERS. BUT HE HAS HIS OWN AGENDA, WHICH INCLUDES U.S. SUPPORT BUT NOT NECESSARILY ACCOMMODATION WITH OUR INTERESTS. WE SUGGEST LETTING THE DEMARCHE PERCOLATE FOR A WHILE BEFORE TRYING ANY FURTHER/OTHER APPROACH. END SUMMARY.
4. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SENATOR MITCHELL'S PREVIOUSLY

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SCHEDULED MEETING WITH GERRY ADAMS AND HIS OWN VISIT TO AN IRISH STUDIES CONFERENCE IN BELFAST, AMBASSADOR CROWE MET BRIEFLY WITH ADAMS AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL JUNE 28 TO FOLLOW UP ON AMBASSADOR SMITH'S CONVERSATION THE DAY BEFORE (REF B). OTHERS PRESENT WERE SINN FEIN NATIONAL CHAIRMAN MITCHEL MCLAUGHLIN, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER RICHARD MCAULEY, WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE MAIREAD KEANE, ACTING PRINCIPAL OFFICER POZORSKI AND LONDON POLOFF ROBINSON.

5. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE KNEW ADAMS HAD SEEN OUR TALKING POINTS AND DISCUSSED THEM WITH AMBASSADOR SMITH. HE DID NOT WANT TO REPLICATE THAT CONVERSATION, BUT WANTED ADAMS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEMARCHE WAS FULLY AUTHORITATIVE, AND REPRESENTED THE POSITION OF THE ADMINISTRATION. IT WAS NOT DESIGNED TO PUT PERSONAL PRESSURE ON ADAMS OR EMBARRASS HIM, AND WE HAD NO INTENTION OF MAKING IT PUBLIC. ADAMS EXPRESSED RELIEF AT THE LAST STATEMENT, SAYING A PUBLIC PERCEPTION THAT THE USG WAS "LECTURING" SINN FEIN WOULD BE HARMFUL.

6. NOTING THE TALKING POINT RECOUNTING NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR LAKE'S MARCH 14 MEETING WITH ADAMS, THE AMBASSADOR SAID THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT DECISIONS HAD BEEN BASED ON AN ASSUMPTION THAT SINN FEIN WAS PREPARED TO ADDRESS SERIOUSLY THE DECOMMISSIONING ISSUE. WE NEEDED TO KNOW WHETHER THAT ASSUMPTION WAS CORRECT. THINGS WE EXPECTED TO HAPPEN HAD NOT HAPPENED, AND THE MOOD IN THE U.S. HAD SHIFTED SOMEWHAT AFTER THE OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING. ADAMS REPLIED THAT OUR ASSUMPTIONS WERE NOT ONLY INCORRECT BUT ILL-INFORMED. ANY "DOUBT ABOUT REPUBLICAN ULTIMATE INTENTIONS" WAS TOTALLY WRONG. THE IRA CEASEFIRE HAD BEEN A CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT, MADE POSSIBLE NOT LEAST BY U.S. ENGAGEMENT; IT WAS NOT AN END IN ITSELF, BUT A WAY TO MOVE THE PROCESS ALONG.

7. ADAMS COMPLAINED AT LENGTH, IN STANDARD (AND TIRING) TERMS, ABOUT BRITISH GOVERNMENT ACTIONS AND INACTIONS. SINN FEIN WANTED TO "GET TO THE POINT OF GETTING THE GUN OUT OF IRISH POLITICS," BUT NONE OF NORTHERN IRELAND'S ARMED GROUPS -- THE IRA, THE LOYALISTS, THE POLICE OR THE BRITISH ARMY -- WAS PREPARED TO DISARM AT THIS STAGE. WHEN THE AMBASSADOR AID THE USG COULD NOT ACCEPT ANY EQUATION BETWEEN ILLEGAL PARAMILITARIES AND OFFICIAL STATE SERVICES, ADAMS REITERATED THAT HE WANTED TO GET TO THE POINT WHERE ALL OF THEM COULD DISARM.

8. ADAMS SAID HE WAS STILL TRYING TO MOVE THE PROCESS FORWARD, AND HAD MET WITH IRISH PRIME MINISTER BRUTON AND FOREIGN MINISTER SPRING THE PREVIOUS WEEK IN AN EFFORT TO FIND A WAY. BUT HE HAD TOLD TONY LAKE IN WASHINGTON, AND NANCY SODERBERG IN BELFAST, THAT DECOMMISSIONING WAS NOT POSSIBLE NOW. AFTER DETAILING

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ANOTHER LIST OF BRITISH AND LOYALIST INIQUITIES, ADAMS SAID: "THESE ARE THE REALITIES FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE TRYING TO GET THE IRA TO DISARM. WE WENT TO THEM, BUT THEY SAID NO." HE SAID SINN FEIN WOULD KEEP TRYING, AND WOULD ULTIMATELY SUCCEED

9. ADAMS INSISTED THAT SINN FEIN HAD TAKEN ITS EXPLORATORY DIALOGUE DISCUSSIONS ON DECOMMISSIONING WITH HMG VERY SERIOUSLY. NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY MAYHEW HAD ESTABLISHED A "WASHINGTON TEST" OF THREE POINTS.
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SINN FEIN AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON THE NEED FOR DISARMAMENT, AND THAT MODALITIES WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT. BUT ANY DECOMMISSIONING AT THIS POINT WOULD BE SEEN AS SURRENDER, AND THAT WAS UNACCEPTABLE.

10. ROBINSON NOTED THAT THE IRA WAS NOT, AS WAS SOMETIMES CLAIMED, BEING ASKED TO SURRENDER ALL ITS WEAPONS BEFORE TALKS COULD BEGIN. THE ONLY CONCRETE ACTION NEEDED AT THIS POINT WAS A CONFIDENCE-BUILDING GESTURE. NORTHERN IRELAND MINISTER MICHAEL ANCRAM HAD ASKED HIM TO PASS ON THE MESSAGE THAT HMG HAD NO DESIRE TO PUT ADAMS ON THE SPOT OR HUMILIATE HIM. IT WAS PREPARED TO MOVE QUICKLY ON A RANGE OF OTHER ISSUES, BUT NEEDED SOME MOVEMENT ON DECOMMISSIONING TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. SIMILARLY, THE USG WAS NOT TRYING TO INJECT ITSELF INTO THE DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS. BUT THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE AND THE PRESIDENT'S DECISIONS MEANT WE HAD OUR OWN STAKE IN THE SUCCESS OF THE PEACE PROCESS. WE SAW AGREEMENT ON DECOMMISSIONING AND AT LEAST A TOKEN CONCRETE GESTURE AS AN ADMITTEDLY DIFFICULT BUT MODEST STEP THAT WOULD PRODUCE GREAT BENEFITS FOR EVERYONE.

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11. COMMENT: ADAMS WAS CLEARLY SOMEWHAT SHAKEN BY THE IRMNESS OF THE POINTS IN OUR DEMARCHÉ. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS OF OUR POINTS WITH COLLEAGUES. WE HAVE GOTTEN HIS ATTENTION, AND PERHAPS GENERATED SOME USEFUL DEBATE WITHIN THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT. ADAMS GAVE THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT HE HAD TRIED TO PERSUADE THE IRA TO OFFER A GESTURE ON DISARMAMENT BUT FAILED. IF SO, HE MAY BE ABLE TO USE OUR DEMARCHÉ AS JUSTIFICATION FOR ANOTHER ATTEMPT.

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12. COMMENT, CONTINUED: AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, ADAMS CLEARLY HAS HIS OWN STRATEGY FOR ACHIEVING REPUBLICAN GOALS. THIS CERTAINLY INCLUDES SUSTAINING SUPPORT FROM SOME AMERICANS AND UNDERSTANDING FROM THE USG; THERE IS MUCH LESS REASON TO BELIEVE IT INCLUDES A WILLINGNESS TO ACCOMMODATE U.S. INTERESTS AND CONCERNS. WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER HE EVER REALLY INTENDED TO FOLLOW UP ON THE ASSURANCES HE GAVE IN OBTAINING FUNDRAISING PERMISSION, OR WHETHER THERE WAS A GENUINE DIFFERENCE OF PERCEPTION AND INTERPRETATION. FRANKLY, THIS MEETING SUGGESTED THE FORMER. IN ANY EVENT, IN FUTURE DEALINGS WITH ADAMS, WE SHOULD REALIZE THAT WITHOUT A FIRM AND SPECIFIC COMMITMENT IN ADVANCE, WE CANNOT EXPECT HIM TO DO WHAT HE IS UNWILLING -- OR POSSIBLY UNABLE -- TO DO. HE HAS BEEN IN THIS BUSINESS FOR A LONG TIME AND IS A SKILLED MANIPULATOR. WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT. CROWE
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-- SINN FEIN AND LOYALIST PARTIES HAVE KEY ROLES TO PLAY IN BRINGING ABOUT A SITUATION WHERE UNIONIST PARTIES CAN BE PERSUADED TO JOIN EVENTUAL ALL-PARTY TALKS. WE WILL BE MAKING SIMILAR POINTS TO THE LOYALIST PARTIES.

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-- WE EXPECT SINN FEIN REPRESENTATIVES TO ENGAGE BRITISH MINISTERS IN SERIOUS AND SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS AIMED AT ESTABLISHING A PROCESS WHICH COULD BE USED FOR DECOMMISSIONING ALL PARAMILITARY WEAPONS.

-- WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED FORMAL BRIEFINGS FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON ITS TALKS WITH ANY OF THE PARTIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND. BUT IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT, WHILE SINN FEIN REPRESENTATIVES ACCEPTED A BRITISH PAPER ON DECOMMISSIONING, THEY HAVE NOT HAD SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS ABOUT PRACTICAL MODALITIES FOR DECOMMISSIONING.

-- A LACK OF SERIOUS ENGAGEMENT ON THIS ISSUE AT THIS TIME RAISES DOUBT ABOUT REPUBLICAN ULTIMATE INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO DECOMMISSIONING.

-- SINN FEIN CANNOT CONTINUE TO RELY ONLY ON THE CEASEFIRE AS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO CONVINCE UNIONISTS TO JOIN ALL-PARTY TALKS.

-- RECENT REFERENCES IN SPEECHES TO A POSSIBLE RETURN OF VIOLENCE ARE SINGULARLY UNHELPFUL IN BRINGING ABOUT THE POSITIVE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE CONDUCTIVE TO PERSUADING

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-- WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE SINN FEIN TO CONTINUE MINISTERIAL LEVEL TALKS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISH CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES TO ACHIEVE A POSITIVE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE WHICH EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF A LASTING PEACE FOR THE LIVES OF ALL CITIZENS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

END SINN FEIN TALKING POINTS.

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-- SINN FEIN AND LOYALIST PARTIES HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN BRINGING ABOUT A SITUATION WHERE UNIONIST PARTIES CAN BE PERSUADED TO JOIN EVENTUAL ALL-PARTY TALKS.

-- WE ARE ALSO MAKING POINTS TO SINN FEIN ON THE NEED FOR SERIOUS ENGAGEMENT WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON THE MODALITIES OF DECOMMISSIONING. WE ALSO INTEND TO DISCUSS WITH THEM THE RECENT UNHELPFUL COMMENTS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A RETURN TO VIOLENCE.

-- WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED FORMAL BRIEFINGS FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON ITS TALKS WITH ANY OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND. BUT IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU HAVE HAD SOME SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON ESTABLISHING PRACTICAL MODALITIES FOR DECOMMISSIONING.

-- SERIOUS ENGAGEMENT ON THIS ISSUE AT THIS TIME HELPS TO ERASE ANY DOUBTS ABOUT LOYALIST ULTIMATE INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO DECOMMISSIONING.

-- WHILE SINN FEIN CANNOT CONTINUE TO RELY ONLY ON THE CEASEFIRE AS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF REPUBLICAN WILLINGNESS TO AN EVENTUAL DECOMMISSIONING, SIMILARLY LOYALISTS CANNOT REFUSE TO ENGAGE IN ANY DECOMMISSIONING UNTIL SINN FEIN DECOMMISSIONS.

-- INITIATIVES BY LOYALIST PARTIES IN THE AREA OF DECOMMISSIONING COULD BE HELPFUL CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES THAT WOULD RESULT IN RECIPROCAL MEASURES FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

-- WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE LOYALISTS TO CONTINUE MINISTERIAL LEVEL TALKS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND WORK THROUGH CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES TO ACHIEVE A POSITIVE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE WHICH EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF A LASTING PEACE FOR THE LIVES OF ALL CITIZENS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

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-- THESE EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT AND ENSURE A CONTINUED CEASEFIRE ARE PRAISEWORTHY. BUT THE CEASEFIRE MUST BE BUILT UPON BY ALL SIDES.

-- IN ADDITION TO SUBSEQUENT STEPS THAT OTHERS, INCLUDING THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, MAY TAKE, WE FEEL LOYALISTS AND SINN FEIN ALSO MUST BE PREPARED TO TAKE ADDITIONAL CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE CEASEFIRE. THESE CAN BE UNILATERAL STEPS OR STEPS WORKED OUT IN CONCERT WITH SINN FEIN.

-- SINN FEIN AND LOYALIST PARTIES HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN BRINGING ABOUT A SITUATION WHERE UNIONIST PARTIES CAN BE PERSUADED TO JOIN EVENTUAL ALL-PARTY TALKS.

-- WE ARE ALSO MAKING POINTS TO SINN FEIN ON THE NEED FOR SERIOUS ENGAGEMENT WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON THE MODALITIES OF DECOMMISSIONING. WE ALSO INTEND TO DISCUSS WITH THEM THE RECENT UNHELPFUL COMMENTS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A RETURN TO VIOLENCE.

-- WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED FORMAL BRIEFINGS FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON ITS TALKS WITH ANY OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND. BUT IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU HAVE HAD SOME SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON ESTABLISHING PRACTICAL MODALITIES FOR DECOMMISSIONING.

-- SERIOUS ENGAGEMENT ON THIS ISSUE AT THIS TIME HELPS TO ERASE ANY DOUBTS ABOUT LOYALIST ULTIMATE INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO DECOMMISSIONING.

-- WHILE SINN FEIN CANNOT CONTINUE TO RELY ONLY ON THE CEASEFIRE AS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF REPUBLICAN WILLINGNESS TO AN EVENTUAL DECOMMISSIONING, SIMILARLY LOYALISTS CANNOT REFUSE TO ENGAGE IN ANY DECOMMISSIONING UNTIL SINN FEIN DECOMMISSIONS.

-- INITIATIVES BY LOYALIST PARTIES IN THE AREA OF DECOMMISSIONING COULD BE HELPFUL CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES THAT WOULD RESULT IN RECIPROCAL MEASURES FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

-- WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE LOYALISTS TO CONTINUE MINISTERIAL LEVEL TALKS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND WORK THROUGH CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES TO ACHIEVE A POSITIVE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE WHICH EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF A LASTING PEACE FOR THE LIVES OF ALL CITIZENS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Dear White House Conference Participant:

Building on the spirit of the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland held in Washington in May, I will be leading a **Business Development Mission** to Northern Ireland and the Border Counties of Ireland in October.

Focusing primarily on the growing sectors of food industry, tourism, environment, and information technologies, this mission is open to the first twenty-five qualified U.S. companies for a participation fee of \$1,750, delegation members will enjoy the following benefits on this five day mission to Ireland and Northern Ireland:

- Appointments with prescreened Irish and Northern Irish companies
- Expert Market Briefings with government and business leaders
- Logistical support

Northern Ireland and the Border Counties of Ireland offer a unique gateway into the European Community's \$7.3 trillion dollar market. With the peace and reconciliation process underway, business opportunities have grown substantially. The October 15-20th **Business Development Mission** will provide U.S. companies a unique vehicle to tap into these opportunities.

The United States Department of Commerce is deeply committed to promoting commercial activity in this region. With the prospects for long-term peace in Northern Ireland, the possibilities for expanded trade and investment are growing.

For more information on this important mission, please fax this letter to Molly Costa at (202) 482-0178 or call (202) 482-0692.

Sincerely,

Charles Meissner
 Assistant Secretary of Commerce
 for International Economic Policy

☐ Yes, I am interested in the Business Development Mission to Ireland. Please send me more information.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Hon. Charles F. Meissner

FROM: John Cullinane

DATE: July 28, 1995

SUBJECT: Blnational Industrial Research & Development (BIRD) Fdn.
Update

Since President Clinton's very successful White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Northern Ireland and the Border Counties, there have been a number of developments with respect to the effort to develop a Technology for Peace Fund for Ireland modeled after the United States' highly successful BIRD agreement with Israel.

As you know, President Clinton committed himself to exploring a Technology for Peace Fund at the Conference and has directed the Secretary of Commerce to undertake negotiations with the governments of Ireland and Great Britain on how to implement a fund to spur on Irish technology development on both sides of the border as part of an agreement between the three countries. As a result, key members of his Administration have visited Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic to move this process forward.

It is important to note that since the Conference, the idea of a technology fund modeled after the Israeli BIRD has met with widespread political support across the political spectrum. This support has been manifested by support from British Prime Minister John Major and Baroness Denton (see attached letter) to the leading members of virtually every political party in both parts of Ireland, including the SDLP, Sinn Fein, the Official Unionist Party, the Alliance Party, Fine Gael, Labor, Democratic Left, and Fianna Fail.

While it is essential to the process of peace and economic regeneration reconstruction on the island of Ireland that a Technology for Peace Fund for Ireland become a reality, there are some obstacles. They are:

1. Some people in the negotiating process question why a Technology Fund for Ireland is necessary, given the other programs that are currently in place.

2. Money is difficult to come by, particularly given the attitudes of some members of the new Congress in the United States toward foreign aid.
3. The Technology Fund for Ireland is concerned with Northern Ireland and the Six Border Counties only. The Republic has few of its top high tech companies located in these counties.

Regarding Item #1 above, those individuals most familiar with the business world are also the most enthusiastic about BIRD. They understand clearly why it has been so successful in Israel. The Israeli BIRD requires Israeli firms to enter into joint ventures with American firms, negotiate all terms in advance and fund 50% of the project before submitting a simple proposal to the Israeli BIRD for funding. This process means that the American firm has made a judgment that the Israeli firm's products can be sold to its American clients. This is incredibly important. This combined with the fast approval approach by the Director of BIRD for loans up to \$200,000 means that the Israeli BIRD is encouraging joint ventures that have a very high probability of success. This is why this process is so appealing to high tech CEO's in both the North and the South of Ireland and those in government who have business experience. Those without this experience are inclined to wonder what's new about BIRD. The Israeli approach is unique because it reflects the reality of doing business successfully. It has generated \$2.2 billion in exports since 1977 and a \$1.2 billion venture capital industry that never existed before. This is what we would like to see for Ireland. The key thing is to get this process under way. With this in mind, we are suggesting the following possibilities. They are:

- a) Ask the International Fund for Ireland to underwrite a pilot effort to encourage U.S. companies and companies in Northern Ireland and the Six Border Counties to undertake joint ventures based on the merits of their products similar to the Israeli BIRD approach.
- b) The Republic of Ireland, through Forbairt's Measure 1 Research & Development Program, already has in place a program designed to operate in a way similar to the Israeli BIRD. However, it does not have funds to support a United States office to encourage joint ventures between Irish and American firms. It is possible that Forbairt's Technology Transfer Program could support a person in the United States to solicit United States firms for joint ventures.
- c) Create a venture capital fund for the island of Ireland. We are currently putting together a blue ribbon panel of venture capital experts in the United States and the United Kingdom to study the complete venture capital requirements of Ireland, not just high tech. Some of these people have already raised a \$45 million venture capital fund for Israel and are about to raise another \$45 million fund for Israel.

A BIRD-like process would be a marvelous "feeder" system for a venture capital fund because it encourages joint ventures between Irish companies and American companies who have access to the all important markets. This means that many of these Irish companies would already be on a fast track to a public offering because their products are being sold on the world markets.

In summary, I believe it would be a wonderful opportunity for President Clinton on his upcoming trip to Ireland and Northern Ireland to announce these efforts at that time. This would provide ample time to put the details in place for a substantive program that so many people in Ireland and Northern Ireland want and need.

JJC/mb



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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 July 1995

Dear Mr. Lullin,

Thank you for your letter of 6 April. I am sorry that it has taken until now to reply to you. Your letter raised a number of new ideas, which we wanted to investigate carefully - indeed we are continuing to do so.

I much appreciate your interest in economic development in Northern Ireland and your explanation of the BIRD concept. I share your view that economic growth and job creation can make a crucial contribution to peace and stability.

Over the years, the UK Government has devoted significant resources to promoting industrial development in Northern Ireland. We have put particular emphasis on attracting and developing high-technology industries. Research and development is clearly a key component in industrial competitiveness and, at both the national and the EU level, we have operated a variety of support measures specifically tailored to the particular needs of Northern Ireland companies.

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We are always open to new ideas and we welcome the opportunity to explore the BIRD proposal, which, since the very positive and successful White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland, is I understand now being referred to as the Technology Trust Fund for Peace. Northern Ireland officials are looking in detail at the concept and will report to Jean Denton, who is my Minister in Northern Ireland responsible for industrial development.

Once again many thanks for your continued interest and support.

Yours sincerely
John Hume

Mr. J.J. Cullinane

TRIP OF THE PRESIDENT
TO EUROPE
JUNE 1 - 10, 1984

OUTLINE SCHEDULE

Friday, June 1, 1984

Depart The White House (8:40 am)
Depart Andrews Air Force Base (9:00 am)
Arrive Shannon Airport, Arrival Ceremony (8:20 pm)
Brief remarks
Arrive Ashford Castle (9:20 pm)
REMAIN OVERNIGHT - ASHFORD CASTLE

Saturday, June 2, 1984

WASHINGTON WORK (Morning)
Depart en route Galway (1:50 pm)
University College Galway Ceremony (2:55 pm)
Honorary Degree Presentation/Freedom of the City
Presentation
Remarks
Depart en route Ashford Castle (3:50 pm)
Arrive Ashford Castle (4:05 pm)
Radio Address (5:06 pm)
Brief Meeting with Irish and American Industrialists,
Ashford Castle (5:15 pm)
REMAIN OVERNIGHT - ASHFORD CASTLE

Sunday, June 3, 1984

WASHINGTON WORK (Morning)
Depart en route Ballyporeen (11:55 am)
Courtesy Call on Father Murphy, Church of the Assumption
Rectory (1:05 pm)
Parish Prayer Service, Church of the Assumption (1:15 pm)
Drop-by O'Farrell's Pub (1:50 pm)
Cultural Performance, Village Square (2:05 pm)
Remarks
Depart en route Dublin (2:50 pm)
Arrive Deerfield (3:45 pm)
Courtesy Call with President Hillery, Aras an Uachtarain
(4:45 pm)
Photo opportunity with President and Mrs. Hillery, Aras an
Uachtarain (5:00 pm)
Tree Planting Ceremony, Aras an Uachtarain (5:15 pm)
WASHINGTON WORK (5:35 pm - 2 hrs. 5 mins.)
State Dinner hosted by Prime Minister and Mrs. FitzGerald,
Dublin Castle (8:10 pm)
Toasts
REMAIN OVERNIGHT - DEERFIELD

Monday, June 4, 1984

Working Breakfast (9:30 am)
Private Meeting with Prime Minister FitzGerald, Leinster House (11:00 am)
Expanded Meeting, Leinster House (11:20 am)
Address Joint Session of Parliament, Leinster House (12:05 pm)
WASHINGTON WORK (12:50 pm - 15 mins.)
Reception in honor of President and Mrs. Hillery, Deerfield (1:15 pm)
Luncheon in honor of President and Mrs. Hillery, Deerfield (1:30 pm)
Toasts
Departure Ceremony, Dublin Airport (3:05 pm)
Brief Remarks
Depart en route London, England (3:30 pm)
Arrive London, England (4:30 pm)
WASHINGTON WORK (4:50 pm - 35 mins.)
Official Welcoming Ceremony, Kensington Palace Gardens (5:45 pm)
Tea hosted by Prime Minister Thatcher, Orangery, Kensington Palace (6:00 pm)
Arrive Winfield House (6:30 pm)
REMAIN OVERNIGHT - WINFIELD HOUSE

Tuesday, June 5, 1984

WASHINGTON WORK
Private Luncheon with Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, Buckingham Palace (1:00 pm)
WASHINGTON WORK (2:50 pm - 2 hrs. 50 mins.)
Bilateral with Prime Minister Thatcher, #10 Downing (6:00 pm)
Reception hosted by Prime Minister Thatcher, #10 Downing (7:00 pm)
Working Dinner hosted by Prime Minister Thatcher, #10 Downing (7:30 pm)
Arrive Winfield House (9:15 pm)
REMAIN OVERNIGHT - WINFIELD HOUSE

Wednesday, June 6, 1984

WASHINGTON WORK
Members of Parliament Presentation, Winfield House (11:40 am)
Depart en route Normandy, France (11:50 am)
Arrive Pointe du Hoc and tour Bunker (2:10 pm)
Remarks to assembled Veterans and unveiling of plaques commemorating Pointe du Hoc (2:30 pm)
Tour of Ranger Memorial (2:45 pm)
Cronkite Interview (2:50 pm)
Depart en route Omaha Beach (3:10 pm)

Key British Comments on the Peace Process.

British Message to Sinn Fein, 17 July 1993

'We remind you that this process of dialogue leading to an inclusive political process can only start after we have received the necessary assurance that organised violence had been brought to an end'.

British Message to Sinn Fein, 3 Sept 1993

'The objectives of an inclusive process would be the pursuit of peace, stability and reconciliation on the widest possible basis. Beyond that, there would be no attempt to impose prior restrictions on the agenda this process of dialogue leading to an inclusive political process can only start after the receipt of the necessary assurance that organised violence had been brought to an end'.

Downing Street Declaration (paragraph 10)

British and Irish governments: 'They confirm that, in these circumstances, democratically mandated parties which establish a commitment to exclusively peaceful methods and which have shown that they abide by the democratic process, are free to participate fully in democratic politics and to join in dialogue in due course between the Governments and the political parties on the way ahead'.

John Major, 15 Dec 1993

'What is in this document is the clearest possible indication that providing the IRA are prepared to renounce violence for good, then Sinn Fein will be able to join exploratory talks preparatory to entering the main talks, that is perfectly clear in the document.

John Major - David Frost Programme, 9 Jan 1994

'We've offered them a route into the democratic talks themselves. That is what is on offer. All they have to do is give up violence ... there's one question of overriding importance and it's a very simple one. Will the IRA give up violence in order to enter into talks in the democratic process?'

John Major, Belfast Newsletter, 4 Jan 1994

'If they renounce violence - for good - and show they mean it, then Sinn Fein have the clear prospect of entering into the talks process, with

the other constitutional parties'.

John Major - House of Commons, 13 Jan 1994

If he (Mr Adams) wishes to enter into discussions he know how he may do it. He can decide to give up violence, after three months he can enter into exploratory talks and then he will be able to enter into the democratic talks process itself. That is the route ahead. And the only question that needs to be asked is .. of Mr Adams. Will he stop the violence and enter the democratic process or will he not?

Patrick Mayhew - Speech to International Press Institute 27 Jan 1994

'The government say this ...'Give up the justification of violence, let those you represent politically abandon it for good: and you can join in the process, a process where all the interlocking issues will be considered with no outcome ruled out. We have assured you that you hold the key. We are not going to change the lock'.

Patrick Mayhew - New York, 12 April 1994

'That's not going to require any surrender, the ending of that armed conflict.'

British government clarification to Sinn Féin, 19 May 1994

'Acceptance of the Joint Declaration is not a precondition for entering the talks process. What is required is a permanent end to the use of, or support for, paramilitary violence.'

John Major, Press Conference, 26 May 1994

'There is an opportunity for him (Gerry Adams) to give up violence and then in a short while to enter the constitutional talks. Now that constitutional avenue is open to him and I do not believe any amount of talking will please anyone until such time as he says the violence can end and we can begin to talks. That is what I am waiting to hear from him'.

AMERICAN EMBASSY, DUBLIN, IRELAND

UNCLASSIFIED TELEFAX MESSAGE

DATE: July 18, 1995

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SUBJECT: Notional Schedule for the President's Visit to Ireland

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To Billy W.
Lucy
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Mary Ann: Paul van Son asked if we would fax you some thoughts on a notional schedule for the President's visit to Ireland. A draft based on our conversations with Marsha Scott follows. Because the weather in the west can be quite foul in winter, we are also creating an alternative proposal, which the Ambassador is reviewing and we will pass on asap. We are also preparing a draft notional, substantive schedule for the First Lady on Saturday, December 2 while the President is playing golf. This will include a breakfast meeting with the National Women's Council and a visit to the Strokestown Famine Museum in this the 150th anniversary of the Great Famine, which led to the massive immigration of Irish to the U.S. Mrs. Clinton would then rejoin the President in Shannon for the visit to Bunratty.

One proposal that we will suggest to our colleagues in Belfast and London is that we finesse the issue of each of the various Universities in Ireland wishing to grant the President honorary degrees by suggesting he be somehow recognized by the Conference of University Rectors in Ireland (CRI). Background on CRI follows. It is currently chaired by Gordon Beveridge of Queen's University of Belfast and includes the heads of all the Universities in Ireland. The cross border, cross community nature of such an event held in Belfast would seem to be an outstanding opportunity for the President to emphasize his support for peace and reconciliation in Ireland.

The proposed notional draft schedule based on Marsha Scott's suggestions follows.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

1600 -- ARRIVE DUBLIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM NORTHERN IRELAND.

1605 -- CEREMONIAL GREETING AT AIRPORT AND STATEMENT TO PRESS.

1615 -- DEPART AIRPORT FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN PHOENIX PARK.

1630 -- ARRIVE AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

STAFF TIME.

1700 -- CALL ON PRESIDENT ROBINSON. HER RESIDENCE IS 200 METERS FROM THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. PHOTO OPPORTUNITY.

1730 -- DEPART THE PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE FOR GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, THE OFFICE OF THE TAOISEACH.

1745 -- ARRIVE AT THE TAOISEACH'S OFFICE FOR PHOTO OPPORTUNITY AND BILATERAL.

1815 -- JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT END OF BILATERAL.

1835 -- DEPART THE TAOISEACH'S OFFICE BY FOOT (THROUGH COVERED WALKWAY) TO LEINSTER HOUSE TO ADDRESS A JOINT SITTING OF THE HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS (PARLIAMENT) IN THE DAIL CHAMBER ACCOMPANIED BY THE TAOISEACH.

1845 -- ADDRESS THE OIREACHTAS. LIVE TELEVISION COVERAGE.

1915 -- DEPART LEINSTER HOUSE FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN PHOENIX PARK.

1930 -- ARRIVE PHOENIX PARK. DOWN TIME.

2015 -- DEPART AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE FOR STATE DINNER HOSTED BY THE TAOISEACH AT DUBLIN CASTLE.

2030 -- ARRIVE DUBLIN CASTLE. MET BY THE TAOISEACH AND MRS. BRUTON. PHOTO OPPORTUNITY. BRIEF TOUR OF CASTLE.

2100 -- STATE DINNER BEGINS. TOASTS. LIVE TELEVISION COVERAGE..

2300 -- DEPART DUBLIN CASTLE FOR PHOENIX PARK.

2315 -- RON AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

0730 -- JOG IN PHOENIX PARK WITH EMBASSY STAFF.

0830 -- BREAKFAST WITH LEADERS OF THE MAJOR FAITHS REPRESENTED IN IRELAND TO DISCUSS PEACE AND RECONCILIATION ON THE ISLAND.

0915 -- MEETING WITH OPPOSITION FIANNA FAIL PARTY LEADER BERTIE AHERN.

0930 -- MEETING WITH OPPOSITION PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS LEADER MARY HARNEY.

0945 -- DEPART BY HELICOPTOR FOR BALLYBUNION GOLF COURSE IN KERRY. STAFF TIME IN TRANSIT.

1100 -- ARRIVE BALLYBUNION. MET BY THE TANAISTE/FOREIGN MINISTER DICK SPRING. GOLF.

1500 -- DEPART BALLYBUNION BY HELICOPTOR FOR SHANNON. (THIS IS SHANNON'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND CELEBRATORY YEAR. ALL MOST ALL IRISH AMERICANS WHO HAVE VISITED IRELAND IN THE LAST 50 YEARS HAVE TRANSITTED SHANNON.)

1520 -- ARRIVE SHANNON. BRIEF WELCOMING CEREMONY AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITY.

1530 -- DEPART SHANNON FOR BUNRATTY FOLK PARK.

1545 -- WALK THROUGH THE FOLK PARK WHICH REPRODUCES IRELAND AS IT IS REMEMBERED MOST FONDLY BY THE AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS. THIS WILL BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO MIX WITH THE ENTHUSIASTIC LOCAL POPULATION AND VISIT MAC'S PUB, A BIT OF AUTHENTIC IRELAND, FOR PHOTO OPPORTUNITY.

1630 -- DEPART BUNRATTY FOLK PARK FOR SHANNON DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRIAL PARK.

1650 -- ARRIVE AT HEADQUARTERS OF ONE OF THE SEVERAL U.S. COMPANIES WHICH HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN SHANNON SINCE THE PRESIDENT'S ELECTION. MEETING WITH THE STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THIS AREA OF TRADITIONALLY HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT. PHOTO OPPORTUNITY.

1715 -- DEPART PLANT FOR SHANNON AIRPORT.

1735 -- ARRIVE SHANNON AIRPORT. STAFF TIME.

1830 -- HOST RETURN RECEPTION AND DINNER AT SHANNON AIRPORT FOR THE IRISH GOVERNMENT. (HOSTING SUCH AN EVENT IN THE WEST IS VERY IMPORTANT POLITICALLY FOR THE IRISH.)

2100 -- DEPART SHANNON FOR ANDREWS.

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**CONFERENCE OF
UNIVERSITY RECTORS
IN IRELAND (C.R.I)**

F.A.O. MS. JEAN RYLANDS

12.7.1995

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BACKGROUND NOTE ON THE CRI

1. CRI established in 1992

The Conference of University Rectors in Ireland (CRI) was established in 1992. Following a special meeting in September 1992, the University Heads from the Republic of Ireland and the Vice-Chancellors of Northern Ireland agreed on this important historical development.

2. THE MEMBERS OF THE CRI

Sir G Beveridge, CRI Chairperson (1995),
Vice-Chancellor, The Queen's University of Belfast,
Professor T Smith, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ulster
Dr T N Mitchell, Provost, Trinity College Dublin
Dr A Cosgrove, President, University College Dublin
Dr M P Mortell, President, University College Cork
Dr C O hEocha, President, University College Galway
Dr W J Smyth, Master, St Patrick's College, Maynooth
Dr E Walsh, President, University of Limerick
Dr D O'Hare, President, Dublin City University

3. AIMS OF THE CRI

The CRI aims to build on the considerable number of existing relationships between all the universities in Ireland, and to harness their considerable strengths in making a positive contribution to the peace process in Ireland. The CRI members also aim to develop and expand further University linkages within the framework of their membership of the European Rectors Conference (CRE), their representation on the Liaison Committee of the National Rectors Conferences of the EC Member States (LC), and the wider context of university developments internationally.

4. CRI ACTIVITIES, 1992 - 1993

During the period 1992 to 1993, the CRI prepared a comprehensive record of existing North/South intra-university co-operative programmes. It has also identified a number of initiatives and developments to be co-ordinated and implemented by the CRI, which include the following:

- (a) examining how the CRI universities could act as a catalyst to generate ideas, analysis and solutions concerning issues of concern on the island of Ireland.
- (b) preparing a framework for a pilot scheme for North/South student exchange, to be organised on a credit semester basis.
- (c) considering the feasibility of introducing a staff mobility programme within the island of Ireland.
- (d) exploring the advantages of the Project TIRONET (Trans Ireland Optical Network) for enhancing intra university co-operative programmes, and extending communications through videoconferencing and other technological mechanisms.

5. **CRI SEMINAR IN BRUSSELS/LEUVEN, 1-2 FEBRUARY 1994**
With the assistance of the TFHR, the CRI organised a seminar in February 1994, at the Irish Institute in European Affairs in Brussels/Leuven. The seminar encompassed meetings with Commissioner P Flynn, Dr T O'Dwyer, Director General, and other representatives of the Task Force Human Resources, Education, Training and Youth (TFHR), Professor P Fasella, Director, DGXII, and other senior EU officials, during which the CRI outlined the range and scope of its interests and concerns. In a special meeting with the TFHR, the CRI elaborated on the main projects it had under consideration, and explored the prospects of obtaining financial support from the European Commission. The CRI appreciated the TFHR's willingness to assist the CRI in the preparation of its proposals.

6. **CRI PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES IN 1994**

- 6.1 **CRI Working Party**
Following its visit to Brussels in February 1994, the CRI appointed a CRI Working Party, comprising one representative from each CRI institution, to examine how the CRI universities could act as a catalyst to generate ideas, analysis and solutions concerning issues of concern on the island of Ireland. The CRI Working Party, which has met on a number of occasions at both Northern and Southern venues, has formulated proposals on the following four projects: (a) Tolerance (b) Staff and student mobility programmes (c) Economic re-generation and (d) cultural literacy programmes.
- 6.2 **CRI agreement with the T.F.H.R**
In June 1994, following discussions between the CRI and the Task Force, Human Resources, Education, Training and Youth, concluded an agreement with the TFHR, in relation to EU funding of the CRI Working Party's programme of work.
- 6.3 **CRI meeting with Commissioner A Ruberti and Dr T O'Dwyer in November 1994**
At a meeting with Commissioner A Ruberti and Dr T O'Dwyer in Trinity College Dublin in November 1994, the CRI outlined the range and scope of its activities, and exchanged views with the Commissioner on the key developments in university education in the European Union. The CRI was encouraged to submit a proposal to the TFHR for a special grant. Following further discussions between the CRI and the TFHR, concluded an agreement in December 1994, in respect of a grant, encompassing programmes for staff and student mobility, special CRI workshops and a CRI Conference.
- 6.4 **CRI proposal on the funding of new technology**
In the context of the special EU funding package to assist the peace process in Northern Ireland, the CRI submitted to Mr Carlo Trojan, Chairperson, Working Party on Northern Ireland, in relation to the funding of new technology to link the nine CRI institutions, by means of a North/South technological 'superhighway'.
7. **CRI VISIT TO BRUSSELS/LEUVEN IN MARCH 1995**
The CRI arranged a second visit to Brussels/Leuven at the end of March 1995. The purpose of this visit was to arrange discussions with a number of key representatives of the EU Commission with a view to exploring how the CRI institutions could contribute further to the peace process in Ireland, through increased North/South co-operation and the development of imaginative and purposeful projects. The CRI also wished to report progress on CRI's on-going programme of activities, and to be briefed on current and future developments in university education within the European Union.



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June 30, 1995

Memorandum for: Nancy Soderberg
From: Charles Meissner *CM*
Subject: Status of Commerce Dept. Northern Ireland/Border
Counties Initiatives

Given the cancelation of your meeting, I thought I would take this opportunity to give you a quick update on the Department of Commerce follow-on initiatives to the White House Conference. These fall in five areas: ongoing matchmaking activities, follow-on trade and investment mission(s), the Science and Technology MOU, and the Technology Trust Fund. On the fifth program, we have disheartening news from AID on AMBIT, the mid-level executive exchange program.

Ongoing Matchmaker Activity

Commerce has analyzed the matchmaker event at the White House Conference with the following results: 73 U.S. firms had appointments at the WHC. All 73 companies have been called to determine the outcome of their meetings and their interest in a Commerce-sponsored matchmaker/trade mission to take place this fall. Fifty-four companies responded so far with all expressing satisfaction with the conference and with their WHC matchmaker meetings. Thirty-four expressed interest and had appropriate products/services for the proposed matchmaker mission.

Five companies have reported successful outcomes from their meetings or will shortly make such an announcement; 4 others are actively pursuing business with firms met at the conference and 14 others made contacts that are in the early stages of follow-up. This gives a total of 23 firms of the 54 with which we have spoken reporting on-going business activities as a result of the contacts provided them at the WHC.

We are exploring a way to institutionalize the electronic matchmaker function on a long term basis with the Foreign Commercial Service (FCS) in ITA.



Follow-on Trade and Investment Mission(s)

As part of the analysis of the Matchmaker Event at the WHC, we polled the companies to determine interest in participating in a fall trade mission led by Commerce. As mentioned above, 34 companies expressed interest in the mission. Commerce has organized a Northern Ireland/Border Counties Trade Mission Task Force, (consisting of IEP, TD, and FCS) which met this week to plan and execute the event. Tentative dates for the mission are weeks of October 16 or October 23. Approximately 20-25 companies in the food industries, tourism, environmental technologies, and information technologies sectors would participate. The most likely stops will be Belfast, Derry, Donegal, Monaghan and Dundalk. *Brown?*

I have asked Chuck Ford, at the U.S. Embassy in London, to oversee a Task Force that would include FCS staff in the embassies in London and Dublin and the Consulate in Belfast to help plan the mission on that side. *?*

We will plan on executing possibly two more missions (after the October mission) that are sector related, perhaps in the information technologies and environmental technologies sectors. It will depend on interest.

Science and Technology - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The Technology Administration has worked with officials in Northern Ireland to promote cooperation in the science and technology area with the aim of establishing Manufacturing Technology Partnerships, networking with industry-university cooperative research centers in Northern Ireland and the U.S., and the setting up technology internships. Through IFI funding, two - three Manufacturing Technology Partnership centers will be set up in Northern Ireland.

The draft Science and Technology MOU (which was announced as a joint statement during the Secretary Brown's visit to Belfast last December) is being vetted. One of the issues outstanding is a question of whether this is a binding or non-binding agreement. The second issue is the IPR Annex which is being discussed between State and Commerce attorneys at this time. The IPR issues which U.K. officials raised are being worked through and London has responded to the U.S. desire to move this forward.

Discussions have also begun with Dublin by Technology Administration staff, on a June 9th trip, to increase cooperation in science and technology with Ireland.

Technology Trust Fund

I met with John Cullinane in Boston on June 27th to participate in a first ever satellite hook-up between Boston and Belfast, NI (it did not occur because of technical difficulties). This was an event to reiterate an agreement which was

signed during the WHC between the Massachusetts Software Council and the Northern Ireland Software Federation to promote cooperation between the private and public sectors in the area of information technology.

? The Technology Trust Fund was discussed at a luncheon arranged by John Cullinane, with Irish-American business leaders and financial people in Boston. One of the key people present was Peter Brook, one of the founders of the venture capital industry in this country. Through discussions with John and Peter, I recommend a slightly different strategy to finance a loan/venture fund to support private sector R&D in Northern Ireland and the border counties. The sources of funding would be structured from IFI, possible state funding, the Dublin government, and the U.K. government.

We will need to set up two task forces, one for the BIRD-like fund and one for venture capital. The first will be a public-private group chaired by John Cullinane and myself. The second will be chaired by John Cullinane and Peter Brook. In both cases we will need membership and a legal structure. I will follow up on this.

AMBIT and AID

? We were called on 29 June by Paige Alexander at AID and informed that they would not honor the 1996 \$1million pledge to support AMBIT which is in the November 1, 1994 White House press release. We started the program (and introduced the first five participants at the White House Conference) with \$200,000 from IFI and \$40,000 from Commerce to cover overhead. The AID funds were to continue the program after October 1, roughly \$850,000 in program costs and \$150,000 in overhead. The reason given for the withdrawal of the pledge was that in the present budget crisis, Ireland was not high enough on AID's priority list. We need to discuss how to proceed with this program.

cc: Martha Pope
Susan Brophy
Jonathan Sallet
Jeffrey Garten
Mary Good

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Nancy,
FYI. It's the
Kennedy
Schedule.

JFK

BERLIN, GERMANY

Arrived at Free University. The President was greeted by

Rector Herbert Koelbel, Free University
Pro-Rector Paul Hilbig, Technical University
Rector Ernst Heintz
Dr. Horst W. Hartwich, Director of External Affairs

The President was made an "Ehrenbuerger" - honorary citizen - which is the highest award the Free University bestows.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT to an audience consisting of the intellectual leaders and students of Berlin's Universities and Colleges.

4:00 pm

The President departed Free University and drove past U. S. Headquarters on Clayallee for review of U. S. Troops.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT before the U. S. Troops and U. S. Community.

4:15 pm

Departed U. S. Community for Tegel Airport.

5:00 pm

Arrived at Tegel Airport, Berlin.

Upon completion of honors, the President was told goodbye by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Mayor Willy Brandt

5:15 pm

The President departed West Berlin for Dublin, Ireland

DUBLIN, IRELAND

8:00 pm

The President and his party arrived at Dublin Airport. He was greeted by Mr. Woods, Chief Protocol Officer of the Irish, who boarded the plane and escorted the President to the foot of the ramp. At this point the President was greeted by President de Valera of Ireland and Prime Minister Lemass of Ireland

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DUBLIN, IRELAND

8:03 pm

The President was also introduced to the following:
Apostolic Nuncio of Ireland
Most Reverend Dr. Giuseppe Sensi
Most Reverend Dr. J. C. McQuaid
Archbishop of Ireland
Most Reverend Dr. G. O. Sims
Archbishop of Ireland

The President was rendered full military honors and reviewed the Honor Guard.

8:30 pm

The Presidential motorcade departed Dublin Airport enroute to the Aras an Uachtarain. Riding with the President:

President Eamon de Valera of Ireland
Colonel Sean Brennan, Irish Military Aide
Agents Behn and Greer

9:25 pm

The President arrived at Aras an Uachtarain, the President of Ireland's residence.

9:27 pm

The President departed Aras an Uachtarain enroute to the American Ambassador's residence, Hon. Matthew McClosky.

9:30 pm

Arrived at Ambassador McClosky's residence.

No further activity recorded this date.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1963

DUBLIN, IRELAND

9:30 - 10:30 am

The President met with Prime Minister Lemass of Ireland.

10:30 am

Departed American Ambassador's residence by helicopter and flew to O'Kennedy Park, New Ross.

NEW ROSS, IRELAND

11:15 am

Arrived at O'Kennedy Park, New Ross, and was greeted by the local dignitaries.

11:20 am

Departed by motorcade and went to speakers stand New Ross Quay. The Chairman of the Urban Council made a brief address and presented the President with a piece of old Irish silver and piece of New Ross lace.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon

The President departed New Ross enroute to Dunganstown, Ireland.

DUNGANSTOWN, IRELAND

12:15 pm

The President arrived at the Kennedy ancestral homestead, Dunganstown. He entered the farmyard and greeted the relatives there and joined in the light refreshments served. This is the home of Mrs. Mary Ryan, the President's second cousin.

RECEPTION (Tea) at the home of Mrs. Mary Ryan - the old Kennedy homestead.

1:00 pm

The President and party departed the Kennedy homestead in Dunganstown by helicopter and flew to Wexford, Ireland.

WEXFORD, IRELAND

1:10 pm

The President arrived at Wexford Park, Ireland, and was greeted by the local dignitaries.

WEXFORD, IRELAND

1:15 pm Departed Wexford Park and proceeded by motorcade to the John Barry statue, Crescent Quay.

1:25 pm The President and party arrived at the John Barry statue.

WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY at the John Barry statue.

1:30 pm Departed the Barry Memorial enroute to Redmond Place.

1:40 pm Arrived at Redmond Place. The Mayor, Town Clerk and the Chairman of the Wexford County Council spoke.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

2:00 pm Departed Redmond Place and motored to Wexford Park.

2:28 pm Arrived at Wexford Park.

2:30 pm Departed Wexford Park by helicopter and flew to Dublin, Ireland.

DUBLIN, IRELAND

3:15 pm The President arrived at the American Ambassador's residence, Dublin.

3:55 pm Departed the Ambassador's residence and motored to Aras an Uachtarain, the residence of the Irish President.

4:00 - 6:00 pm GARDEN PARTY given by the President and Mrs. de Valera of Ireland. 200 guests inside the residence and in the garden 1700.

6:05 pm The President returned to the American Embassy Residence.

7:30 pm The President departed the American Ambassador's residence enroute to Iveagh House - Department of External Affairs.

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DUBLIN, IRELAND

8:00 pm

Arrived at Iveagh House for Dinner given by the
Prime Minister and Mrs. Lemass for the President.

DINNER AND RECEPTION given by Prime Minister
and Mrs. Lemass for President Kennedy.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1963

DUBLIN, IRELAND

9:00 am

The President departed the American Ambassador's residence by helicopter enroute to Cork, Ireland.

CORK, IRELAND

10:15 am

Arrived at Army Barracks, Cork, Ireland.

10:20 am

The President proceeded to the speaker's stand.

10:35 am

Arrived at the Speaker's Stand where the President was presented the Freedom of the City, scroll and silver casket.

Address by the Mayor of Cork.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT

11:30 am

The President departed Cork by helicopter and flew to Dublin, Ireland.

DUBLIN, IRELAND

12:45 pm

Arrived at the American Ambassador's residence, Dublin.

1:00 pm

LUNCHEON at the American Embassy residence, given by President Kennedy in honor of President de Valera of Ireland and Prime Minister Lemass of Ireland.

3:20 pm

The President departed the American Ambassador's residence and motored to Arbour Hill.

3:35 pm

Arrived at Arbour Hill. The President placed a wreath on the grave of the Irish heroes of the 1916 Uprising.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

3:40 pm

Departed Arbour Hill enroute to Dail - Irish Parliament.

4:10 pm

The President arrived at Dail, Irish Parliament. He was greeted by the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister introduced the President to the leaders of Irish Parliament.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1963

DUBLIN, IRELAND

4:15 pm The President signed the visitors book at Dail - Irish Parliament.

4:30 pm ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT before Irish Parliament - Dail.

5:00 pm The President departed Dail and motored to St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

5:10 pm Arrived at St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

The President received an Honorary Degree from National University of Ireland and a Degree from the University of Dublin. He was also presented an Honorary Freedom of the City of Dublin.

6:00 pm The President departed Dublin Castle enroute to the American Ambassador's residence.

6:25 pm Arrived at the American Ambassador's residence.

7:56 pm The President departed the residence and motored to Aras an Uachtarain, Irish President's residence.

PRIVATE DINNER with the President of Ireland, President de Valera.

11:05 pm The President departed Aras an Uachtarain enroute to the American Ambassador's residence .

11:08 pm Arrived at the American Ambassasor's residence.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1963

DUBLIN, IRELAND

10:30 am The President departed the American Ambassador's residence by helicopter.

GALWAY, IRELAND

11:30 am Arrived at Galway, Ireland. The President was greeted by the Mayor of Galway, and the Sword and Mace bearers.

11:40 am Departed by helicopter enroute to Eyre Square.

11:55 am Arrived at Eyre Square. The Mayor conferred the Freedom of the City and presented the President with a scroll and casket.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT to citizens of Galway.

12:15 pm Departed Eyre Square and motored to helicopter site.

12:30 pm Arrived at the helicopter site.

12:32 pm The President departed Galway enroute to Limerick by helicopter.

LIMERICK, IRELAND

1:05 pm The President arrived at Limerick. The Mayor of Limerick greeted him and conferred upon the President the Freedom of the City. *Francis Connel*

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT to citizens of Limerick, Ireland.

1:45 pm Departed Limerick enroute to Shannon Airport.

SHANNON AIRPORT

2:00 pm Arrived at Shannon Airport
The President reviewed the Guard of Honor.

BRIEF ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT at Shannon Airport.

2:30 pm The President departed Shannon Airport enroute to Wadding Air Force Base, England.

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Date</u>	
98	1963	June 26	Toast at a luncheon in the City Hall in Berlin Advance text of address at the Free University of Berlin Address at the Free University of Berlin (As actually delivered) Remarks at U.S. military headquarters in West Berlin Remarks at Tegel Airport, Berlin, upon leaving for Ireland Remarks upon arrival at Dublin Airport
		June 27	Remarks on the quay at New Ross Remarks at the statue of Commodore John Barry in Wexford
		June 28	White House announcement of forthcoming visit by President Nyerere of Tanganyika Remarks at the City Hall in Cork Advance text of address before the Irish Parliament in Dublin Address before the Irish Parliament in Dublin (As actually delivered) Remarks at a civic and academic reception in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle White House announcement of presentation to the Irish people of the Civil War colors of the Irish Brigade White House nomination sent to the Senate
		June 29	Remarks at Eyre Square in Galway Remarks at a reception in Limerick Remarks at Shannon Airport upon leaving for England Farewell messages to President DeValera and Prime Minister Lemass Remarks upon arrival in England
		June 30	Joint statement following discussions with Prime Minister Macmillan at his home in Brich Grove, Sussex Remarks at Gatwick Airport upon leaving for Italy
		July 1	Remarks upon arrival at Fiumicino Airport Rome Remarks to the American Embassy staff at the Ambassador's residence in Rome Advance text of remarks at a dinner given in his honor by President Segni Remarks at a dinner given in his honor by President Segni (As actually delivered)

Hawkins, Ardenia R.

From: Clark, Bronya H.
To: Soderberg, Nancy E.; @CROSS - Cross Hatches
Cc: /N, NonRecord at A1; Andricos, George M.; Breeland, Jocelyn G.; Funches, Christina L.
Subject: Hoyer Talking Points [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, July 18, 1995 11:44AM

<<File Attachment: HOYER.DOC>>

Nancy -
per Mike Andricos
this is a time sensitive
bomb. need to give to
DA ASAP (11:30 AM) or deadline
Bill on Floor now!
possibility 15:10 ~~across~~ ^{across} board
~~Amendment~~ ^{Amendment} could come
up any time. need talking points

- re: reduction of EOP by Treasury Postal Committee
- need to call Mike Andricos ASAP 11:53 AM

PFIAB - \$100,000

Lose Travel Inc	\$25,000
Lose One Detailee	\$75,000

This reduction will greatly impair the PFIAB in handling the assumed responsibilities of the PIOB. They have been tasked with the investigative inquiry into the Guatemala affair and the PFIAB if asked to take a \$100,000 reduction would not be able to comply with the President's directive.

NSC - \$897,000

Lose 7 Professional Staff Members	\$858,000
Reduce Travel Account	\$ 40,000

The NSC could not sustain a reduction of \$897,000 without directly and adversely affecting the staffing structure of the NSC. We would lose key professional staff positions on whom the National Security Advisor and the President depend for expertise in substantive areas. The NSC travel budget would be grossly affected. The NSC, in the past two years has been required to provide direct support to the President's national security related travel which has increased dramatically over recent past Administrations.

Total NSC reduction - \$997,200 - 15% of the FY 96 request of \$6,648,000.

Hawkins, Ardenia R.

From: Peters, Mary A.
To: Hawkins, Ardenia R.
Cc: /R, Record at A1
Subject: FW: Conference Folwup and Deliverables Mtg, 7/20/ 4:00 [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Thursday, July 20, 1995 10:32AM

Dee -
Hold for 4 pm.
Also pull members
for 1 yr. day in AMBIT
+ no June press
release on
programs

Revised version.

From: Peters, Mary A.
To: Soderberg, Nancy E.
Cc: /R, Record at A1
Subject: Conference Folwup and Deliverables Mtg, 7/20/ 4:00 [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Thursday, July 20, 1995 10:10 AM

Following is a suggested agenda for your use at the meeting. I will also do an outline for distribution there.

I. Conference Follow-up

A. Mitchell Trip

- Ask Martha for a readout.
- Ask Susan/Martha about community -based programs.

B. BIRD/Technology Trust Fund

- Suggest you ask Chuck Meissner for status. He will discuss idea of 50% private sector funding. Also probe on willingness of Irish and British govts to kick in new money.
- Martha will also have some views on this.
- Ask for ideas on how to move this forward.

16 yrs
new.

C. Follow-On Investment Missions

- Commerce is planning a mission in mid- late October. Ask Chuck if there is any news since his June 30 memo. Also does he expect any big deals to come of it, especially by time of trip?

D. AMBIT - Management Intern Program

- Seems to be worthwhile program, but it has run into funding snag.
- AID is willing to talk IFI into more funds, but Commerce unwilling to accept non-government funds for staff costs. Solution may be to have Commerce pay its own staff costs and accept funds from IFI for program costs.
- Paige Alexander of AID and Chuck may wrangle about this. Suggest you tell them AID and Commerce need to work this out to keep the program going.

- why?

II. Trip Deliverables

- BIRD and a Science and Technology MOU have both been mentioned. I don't think the S&T MOU is significant enough for the trip, but Chuck will probably raise.
- Ask for ideas for business/investment deliverables.
- Ask whether Sec. Brown will want to come.
- Any ideas for parallel business events here while POTUS is in Ireland?

Is this precondition for funding from Irish and tions prQuesAs
f this idea of 50% private



Commerce Projects as Follow-up to the May White House Conference

Thursday - July 20, 1995 - 4:00 p.m. NSC Meeting

Technology Trust Fund

Discussions are proceeding with John Cullinane about setting up two task forces to structure a BIRD-like loan fund and a venture capital entity to fund R&D projects. Commerce's role is catalytic. We have identified an attorney willing to provide pro-bono services to advise on the legal structure of the loan fund. IFI, the U.K. and Irish governments, possibly state and private money would be sources of capital for the loan fund. We are not planning on any directly appropriated U.S. Government funds for the loan project.

Trade and Investment Missions

In the last two weeks of October, A/S Meissner will lead a trade mission, concentrating on the food industries, environmental technologies, information technologies and tourism sectors, to the Border Counties and Northern Ireland. Twenty to twenty-five companies will be selected to attend. We are tentatively planning on two to three sector oriented trade missions in calendar year 1996. We suggest that Secretary Brown might lead a trade mission that would co-incide with the President's visit to Belfast. If the idea is agreed upon we will approach the Secretary.

Technical Assistance for Community Organizations to Attract Investment

Commerce is arranging for a small mentor team to advise community organizations on the process of site selection and site preparation for foreign investment. This is in the context of the fall trade mission led by A/S Meissner to assist in the preparation of professional presentations to the U.S. businesses in the delegation. They will be in Belfast the first half of September for approximately two-three days.

Science and Technology MOU

The draft Science and Technology MOU is being vetted. One of the issues outstanding is the question of whether this is a binding or non-binding agreement. The second issue is the IPR Annex which is being discussed between State and Commerce attorneys. IPR issues which U.K. officials raised are being worked through and London has responded positively to the U.S. desire to move this forward in time for a signing by the President's trip.



AMBIT and AID

ITA-IFI MOU was approved by IFI and a signing ceremony for an MOU was held at the WHC. Four interns are in place with a target of 35 more by the end of the year. \$1 million in FY '96 AID funds which were pledged have not been placed in AID's FY 96 budget request to OMB. Roughly \$800,000 in program costs to the IFI and \$200,000 in overhead to the Commerce Department were to be allocated to the program in the next year. The program will be terminated without these funds.

Business Information Center for Northern Ireland and the Border Counties of Ireland (NIBC)

Secretary Brown announced this in Belfast last December. This is operating as a fax-on-demand system (tel: 202-501-7488) with over 200 reports available for distribution. Expansion to the Internet is being established via a home page which will contain most of the material on the fax system and may be able to provide an interactive element for NI firms seeking U.S. business contacts. We are responding to about 50 inquiries a week.

Electronic Matchmaking Project

This is a follow-on activity to the matchmaker event at the WHC and is still in the process of exploration. Key issue is the human resources to extend the program. The NIBC interactive element on the Internet is a possibility to maintain this project.

Alan Hevesi Proposal for Development Bank

The NYC Comptroller's idea to establish an Irish Peace Bond coupled with a new development bank has been raised by DED in Belfast which is interested in 20 year bond funding for major environmental projects. You will recall that Treasury Department did not support this idea. Commerce will contact the Comptroller to determine if his idea to establish such a vehicle is moving forward since the Conference.

Mentor Program for SME's and Community Banking

This was an idea that came up in a meeting with Sir George Quigley in June in discussions about the need for community banking in Belfast and other areas to provide small business loans. In conjunction with that lending, there is a need to provide technical assistance in business management practices through a mentor program. Commerce will contact Sir George to determine the progress being made in this area.

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Release*

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 5, 1995

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY
SUPPORTING PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND:
THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVES

The President hosted the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland May 24-26, 1995, a successful milestone in the Administration's efforts to underpin political progress and economic revitalization in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland most affected by past violence. As the President emphasized during the Conference, this effort is ongoing. The President has directed the executive agencies to continue to identify additional ways in which the U.S. can support peace and reconciliation 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 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 FY96 includes a proposed \$10 million increase in funding for the International Fund for Ireland (IFI), for a total of \$29.6 million. In light of the important role the IFI is playing in supporting the peace process and development of 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.

MORE

Technology Trust Fund for Peace

The Administration and the IFI will explore the U.S. proposal to set up a Technology Trust Fund which would identify and support joint ventures in applied research and development between private companies in Northern Ireland and the six border counties and U.S. partners. The Department of Commerce will lead our government's exploration of the potential benefits, with help from the U.S. Agency for International Development. Commerce Assistant Secretary Charles Meissner and Assistant Secretary Mitchell will travel to Dublin, Belfast and London immediately following the Conference to initiate discussions with the IFI Chairman and Irish and U.K. authorities on this project. We hope that some \$25 million will be committed to this initiative over the next five years through the combined efforts of the private sector and contributors to the IFI.

Management Intern Program

The Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the IFI, has launched the American Management and Business Internship Training (AMBIT) program. A MOU establishing the program will be signed during the Conference between representatives of the Commerce Department. AMBIT provides hands-on training assignments with U.S. firms for managers, technical and technology experts from Northern Ireland and the border counties, thereby improving business capabilities while enhancing commercial opportunities for U.S. firms both here and there. The first five AMBIT interns attended the White House Conference.

Department of Commerce Business Information Center for Northern Ireland and the Border Counties

The Commerce Department has established a full-time Foreign Commercial Service assistant in the U.S. Consulate General in Belfast. This Commercial Assistant will provide on-the-ground assistance for U.S. firms seeking to develop or expand business relationships in the region.

The Department also has established a Northern Ireland/Border County Business Information Center (NIBC) to encourage greater trade and investment between U.S. companies and the region. The NIBC flash-fax is a 24-hour automated fax delivery system that provides quick access to commercial information and can be reached on 202-501-7488.

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

at conference

Partnership, networking industry-university cooperative research centers in Northern Ireland and the U.S., and setting up technology internships. This enhanced cooperation will encourage and facilitate mutually beneficial use of technology for economic development. We are also working to increase cooperation in science and technology 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 program participants from Northern Ireland and has also facilitated 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 an exchange project on conflict resolution 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.

USAID

AID's Assistant Administrator for Europe and the NIS led a USAID 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 USAID.

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 (USTTA) has strengthened a working relationship with tourism officials in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland through the signing of a Tourism Communique underscoring cooperative efforts in tourism services, marketing and promotion. Some specific areas of focus will be the development of initiatives to help stimulate private sector investment in tourism development and public-private partnerships, cooperation in the education and training of tourism industry employees through exchange arrangements through the public and private sector and the academic community, and increased cooperation in the area of standards and definitions for measuring flows of travel and tourism. The strengthened cooperation is in recognition of the positive force of tourism in furthering the peace process through increased mutual understanding, improved quality of life and the economic growth prospects for private investment and infrastructure development in creating jobs for the United States, Ireland and Northern Ireland.

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 was held the week of the Conference with representatives from Northern Ireland and the Republic and SBA Regional Administrators from 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 for programs which foster the development of political parties and other democratic civic associations and groups in order to strengthen democracy 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 funding for the June 1995 conference in Belfast organized by the Foundation for a Civil Society and the University of Ulster.

OPIC

OPIC programs became available in Northern Ireland and "affected areas" of the Republic under the Anglo-Irish Agreement Support Act of 1986. OPIC programs are now available in all of Ireland under the Jobs Through Trade Expansion Act of 1994. 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.

END

MORE

AGENDA

CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP/TRIP DELIVERABLES

August 4, 1995

I BIRD/TECHNOLOGY TRUST FUND

II TRADE MISSIONS

III Other Business

AMBIT

Hawkins, Ardenia R.

From: Peters, Mary A.
To: Soderberg, Nancy E.
Cc: /R, Record at A1
Subject: Conference Follow-Up/Deliverables Meeting [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Thursday, August 03, 1995 7:46PM

I suggest you focus on two issues at the meeting: BIRD and trade missions. I will do an agenda for distribution at the meeting.

On BIRD, Commerce says that John Cullinane has decided to put together a smaller fund than originally envisaged. He is counting on support from Forbairts on the Irish side. You need to probe about what role if any Cullinane wants IFI to play and whether the UK would be expected to provide any funding. Chuck will come late; Virginia can brief on this.

On trade missions, the question is whether Brown and/or Glickman are seriously considering leading missions prior to the trip. You should ask Jonathan Sallett or Julie from his office re Brown; Dick Hughes should be there from USDA.

Other Issues:

AMBIT management intern program: ask Chuck if he has looked into whether Commerce can continue to fund the overhead.

Ask if there has been any progress on any of the other follow-up items.

AMBIT PROGRAM

Attached is a fact sheet on AMBIT's budget for calendar year 1995 and proposed budget for 1996. The budgets are based on calendar years 1995 and 1996 because the International Fund for Ireland's fiscal year is the same as the calendar year.

The AMBIT program was initiated last December with a budget allocation of \$257,500 which will carry it through calendar year 1995. The number of internships to be completed in 1995 are estimated at 35. \$200,000 of the budget for 1995 came through IFI via AID and went directly to organizations in Ireland and Northern Ireland which select the Irish and Northern Irish companies/interns who are participating in the program. In order to initiate the program last December in time for announcement at the Belfast Conference, the Commerce Department provided \$57,500 to administer the program through this calendar year.

The 1996 proposed budget (based on calendar year 1996) is \$535,000 to bring 100 Northern Irish and Irish interns into the program with U.S. companies. Out of the \$535,000, \$85,000 is required to administer the program at Commerce.

In order to provide funding for the AMBIT program in 1996 the following must occur:

1. Discussions should begin with IFI to gain a commitment to continue the AMBIT program by allocating \$450,000 of their 1996 funding.
2. Discussions need to begin with AID seeking \$85,000 to be transferred to Commerce in 1996 for program administration.

AMBIT PROGRAM FACT SHEET

Number of internships to be completed in 1995:	35 (est.)
Number of internships to be completed in 1996:	100 (est.)
Cost per intern (based on a three month internship):	\$4,500 (est.)*
Overall budget for '95 (see full Commerce budget below): **through December 1995	\$257,500
Overall budget for '96 (see full Commerce budget below): **through December 1996	\$535,000

'95 Budget (**through December 1995):

(Commerce has allocated \$65,000 to cover costs of developing the program.)

Personnel (including benefits)

<i>One Program Officer, GS-11 (3/1/94-12/31/95)</i>	<i>\$38,000</i>
<i>Portion of Director's salary</i>	<i>\$6,000</i>
<i>Travel (includes trip to N. Ireland & domestic travel)</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Supplies/Equipment</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Printing, mailing</i>	<i><u>\$3,000</u></i>
<i>Total expected Commerce expenses</i>	<i>\$57,500</i>
<i>(Total FY95 Commerce expenditures to date)</i>	<i>(\$27,400 approx.)</i>

'96 Proposed Budget (**through December 1996):

Personnel (including benefits)

<i>One Program Officer, GS 11/12</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>
<i>One Contractor, part-time clerical</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>Portion of Director's Salary (15%)</i>	<i>\$ 8,000</i>
<i>Travel, int'l/dom. (program promotion/interviewing)</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Supplies/Equipment</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>
<i>Printing, mailing</i>	<i><u>\$5,000</u></i>
<i>Total:</i>	<i>\$85,000</i>

*Costs per intern based on a three month internship including: roundtrip airfare, \$30 per diem for the duration of the training, & medical insurance. Company hosts will provide housing, training, and other related travel

**IFI's Fiscal Year is the same as a calendar year and the above budgets reflect this

AGENDA

INVESTMENT CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP MEETING

July 20, 1995

I. Conference Follow-Up

- A. Results of Senator Mitchell's Trip
- B. BIRD/Technology Trust Fund — *Community / Business link* — M.A.P. two weeks.
- C. Investment/Trade Missions → *Commerce Brown.*
- D. AMBIT - Management Intern Program → *Brown* → *Agriculture*

II. Deliverables for President's Trip

- A. Business/Investment Projects
- B. New Agreements
- C. Parallel Events in U.S.

→ *Academy / Kerry*
Housing / Community

IFI . \$200k
AID \$1 million.



Wkins, Ardenia R.

From: Peters, Mary A.
To: Soderberg, Nancy E.
Cc: /R, Record at A1
Subject: Conference Followup and Deliverables Mtg, 7/20/ 4:00 [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Thursday, July 20, 1995 10:10AM

Following is a suggested agenda for your use at the meeting. I will also do an outline for distribution there.

I. Conference Follow-up

A. Mitchell Trip

- Ask Martha for a readout.
- Ask Susan/Martha about community -based programs.

B. BIRD/Technology Trust Fund

- Suggest you ask Chuck Meissner for status. He will discuss idea of 50% private sector funding. Also probe on willingness of Irish and British govts to kick in new money.
- Martha will also have some views on this.
- Ask for ideas on how to move this forward.

C. Follow-On Investment Missions

- Commerce is planning a mission in mid- late October. Ask Chuck if there is any news since his June 30 memo. Also does he expect any big deals to come of it, especially by time of trip?

D. AMBIT - Management Intern Program

- Seems to be worthwhile program, but it has run into funding snag.
- AID is willing to talk IFI into more funds, but Commerce unwilling to accept non-government funds for staff costs. Solution may be to have Commerce pay its own staff costs and accept funds from IFI for program costs.
- Paige Alexander of AID and Chuck may wrangle about this. Suggest you tell them AID and Commerce need to work this out to keep the program going.

II. Trip Deliverables

- BIRD and a Science and Technology MOU have both been mentioned. I don't think the S&T MOU is significant enough for the trip, but Chuck will probably raise.
- Ask for ideas for business/investment deliverables.
- Ask whether Sec. Brown will want to come.
- Any ideas for parallel business events here while POTUS is in Ireland?

Is this precondition for funding from Irish and tons prQuesAs
f this idea of 50% private



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
Washington, D.C. 20230
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC POLICY

JUL 20 1995

MEMORANDUM TO: Nancy Soderberg
Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

FROM: Charles F. Meissner *CFM*

SUBJECT: AMBIT Program Funding Problem in FY96

Issue:

A source of Fiscal Year 1996 funding for the American Management and Business Internship Training (AMBIT) program needs to be identified.

Background:

The AMBIT program was announced in the White House Press Release "Supporting Peace in Northern Ireland" of November 1, 1994 as a new Department of Commerce program to provide training by U.S. host companies in advanced management and leadership skills for managers and scientific/technical personnel from Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland. The Press Release called for the program to begin operating in FY96 "with approximately \$1 million of bilateral economic assistance funds".

A high level of interest in starting the program quickly developed, but AID indicated that bilateral funds were not available in FY95. However, a Memorandum of Understanding was developed and signed with the International Fund for Ireland (IFI) to begin implementation of AMBIT in FY95 with \$200,000 in IFI funding. Commerce provided the needed \$65,000 to cover overhead costs for the program in FY95. With this funding, the program was publicly launched in May, at the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland. The first five AMBIT interns participated in the Conference, and are currently undergoing training with U.S. host companies. Expectations for the program in FY96 are high on all sides, with up to 180 business interns expected by the end of the year.

The FY96 budget for the program is \$800,000 (\$1 million less the \$200,000 spent in FY95). This includes \$680,000 in program funds plus \$120,000 to cover Commerce's program management expenses. However, AID officials recently have indicated that they have not been provided funding for this program. The AMBIT program was not in AID's FY96 budget request to OMB, but rather was to have been funded under an increased request for IFI of some \$30 million - an increase of \$10 million over FY95. As the Congressional budget process did not approve the request for an additional \$10 million for IFI, funding was left at the previous level of \$20 million. The Commerce budget does not include sufficient funds to implement this project in FY 1996. If a source of funding cannot be identified, Commerce will have to discontinue the AMBIT program by the end of September.

Resolution

I believe that the NSC needs to intercede with AID to request restoration of funding for the AMBIT program. Eighty-five percent should be transferred to the IFI and fifteen percent of the AMBIT funding should go to the Department of Commerce to administer the program.



Hawkins, Ardenia R.

From: Peters, Mary A.
To: Dohse, Fred J.; Vershbow, Alexander R.; Soderberg, Nancy E.
Cc: /R, Record at A1
Subject: RE: POTUS UK & Ireland Trip [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 1995 11:40AM

Fred, these ideas are in addition to those included in the notional itinerary Nancy S prepared on July 5. I will have additional suggestions for you by the end of the week.

BELFAST/NI

--. Just about every university in Ireland has offered to confer an honorary degree on the President. It would be impossible for him to choose just one to accept.. Happily, there is an organization to which all the Irish universities (north and south) belong. The current president of that organization is from the University of Ulster. One idea would be for the President to accept a joint honorary degree from the all-Ireland university conference, at the University of Ulster campus in Belfast. This has the virtue of showcasing a cross -border institution that is already working, while the fact that the event would take place at the University of Ulster should make it acceptable to the unionists.

--A possible visit to the women's center in the heart of Protestant Belfast that is run by a Catholic woman, as well as an analogous visit to a social center in the Catholic area that has a Protestant connection (still to be identified, but there are several).

--IF the Genealogical Office can trace the President's Hayes forebears to the border area of Northern Ireland, a visit to the ancestral village.. In that case, possible meeting with SDLP leader John Hume there (near Hume's home of Derry) rather than in Belfast.

--Possible visit to an International Fund for Ireland(IFI) project, especially if the Technology Trust Fund is off the ground..

LONDON

--Announce that the USN is naming a ship after Winston Churchill (per Amb Crowe's suggestion) if Navy has agreed.

From: Dohse, Fred J.
To: @EUROPE - European Affairs
CC: /R, Record at A1; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Subject: POTUS UK & Ireland Trip [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 1995 10:48 AM

We have set up the initial trip (site survey) to the UK and Ireland by the White House scheduling and advance staff for September 6-10. I will represent the NSC. A more precise schedule for the site survey visit is provided below. I would greatly appreciate your input on activities we might consider for the President's schedule during his trip later in the fall.

Sep 6-7: London

Sep 8: Belfast

Sep 9-10: Dublin



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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ECONOMIC POLICY

JUL 10 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY SODERBERG
KATHY STEPHENS

FROM: Charles F. Meissner *GM*
SUBJECT: University of Ulster Honorary Degree for President
Clinton

As I reported in my cable from London after my early June trip to Northern Ireland, the University of Ulster desires to provide an honorary degree to the President when he visits Belfast. Attached is a letter from Professor Wallace Ewart requesting assistance in getting reply from the White House. Apparently a letter has already been sent.

I will respond to Professor Ewart stating that I have forward his letter and attachment to your office.

I will be in Europe (not Ireland) July 9 through July 15 and back in the office July 17.

Attachment

cc: Virginia Manuel
Charles Ludolph
Bob McLaughlin





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7 July 1995.

Mr Chuck Meissner
International Trade Administration
US Department of Commerce
Washington
DC 20230

Dear Chuck

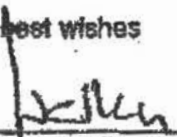
Firstly let me say how much I admired your gallant efforts to conduct a two-way dialogue on a one-way line when we tried to connect Belfast City Council and Boston by video link recently - as our local speakers tried to continue their presentations to an embarrassed audience the vision and voice of Chuck Meissner trying to revive a non-functioning line with phrases such as 'Boston calling Belfast', 'This is Boston' and 'Come in Belfast', was the most memorable part of the afternoon. Sometime the technology is the highlight of the presentation - this time, the fact that it did not work - made it an occasion to remember.

Secondly I thought I might mention how much the combination of your visit, followed by that of Senator Mitchell, has helped to focus attention on the social and community impact of our campus proposal. I might add that the Finance Committee were very appreciative of the fact that you took time to join their meeting and to address them.

The third point I have concerns the President's visit in December. Now that a date has been announced I thought it would be prudent to get some notes to those who are organising the President's schedule to indicate that should the President accept our invitation to receive an honorary doctorate of the University we are quite flexible in terms of how it might fit into his schedule for that day. Perhaps you might pass these notes on to those whose task it is to organise his schedule or if you can give me a contact point I will get in touch with them directly.

Again, many thanks

With best wishes


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University of Ulster - President's Visit to Ireland

- 1 The University has written to the President with an invitation to accept an honorary doctorate of the University of Ulster.
- 2 The President will visit Northern Ireland in December, and this would be the obvious opportunity to present the honorary doctorate.
- 3 Obviously the President will have a very full schedule so I thought it prudent to make the following points about the 'ceremony':
 - (i) the location can be selected to best fit the President's schedule
eg. it could be at Hillsborough, University of Ulster at Jordanstown or Londonderry.
It might be noted that Tom Foley received an honorary doctorate on 6 July at the Guildhall in Derry, and that former UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar will receive an honorary doctorate at that same venue in September.
 - (ii) the length of the ceremony would be no more than 45 minutes, and would obviously include a speaking opportunity for the President.
 - (iii) the ceremony can be held at whatever time of the day is most convenient for the President's schedule.
- 4 I recognise that the President has not yet been able to respond to the University invitation but I thought it might be useful to alert you to some of the logistical issues and to assure you that they are quite flexible.

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MEMORANDUM

FOR: Nancy Soderberg
Billy Webster
FROM: Carter Wilkie
DATE: July 6, 1995
SUBJECT: The President's trip to Ireland

To Billy -
I do think Derry is worth
a stop if we can. Can
someone poll POTUS (Reagan +
Kennedy schedules)?

Nancy

Just a few ideas to consider when you begin to schedule the upcoming trip.

We were in Ireland when Prince Charles made his historic visit to Dublin, the first visit to Ireland by a member of the British royal family since Irish independence. The trip was the lead news story in Ireland, but it failed to generate much enthusiasm throughout the country, or even in the city of Dublin. Why? The visit was unremittingly official -- little more than an obligatory stop in the Capital before an uninspiring audience of political leaders.

The memorable trips to Ireland taken by Presidents Kennedy and Reagan demand the most ground breaking trip possible.

Two suggestions:

2) Derry. Our stay here last month leads me to believe that President Clinton would be treated to a hero's welcome. Derry is eager for international recognition of all that it has to offer, and Derry deserves it. This is arguably the most interesting city -- historically, socially, and architecturally -- in all of Ireland. A visit here would be a great boost to the morale of Derry and Catholics all over Northern Ireland, not to mention an important tip of the hat to John Hume. Derry would also make a great visual backdrop for a compelling message: William Penn, who came to America from Kinsale, at the southern coast of Ireland, mapped out Philadelphia based on the street layout in Derry. More importantly, Penn brought to America the ideas of religious tolerance and the melting pot. Penn's Quaker colony was the entry point for the majority of colonial immigrants from Ireland (mainly Protestants from the northern counties) in addition to settlers from Britain and Germany. This is a great way to get into a plea for peace and tolerance.

1) Ballycassidy, County Fermanagh. This small, rural town or village is the ancient ancestral home of President Clinton's mother's family. Such a homecoming would offer great symbolic value, not only to Irish Americans but also to people across rural Ireland and to Protestants in the North, who remain proud of all the American presidents and generals who sprang from their culture. Going off the beaten track to a place such as this would generate the enthusiasm of a 1992 campaign bus trip. Folks would come from county after county just to see the President on their home turf. Stopping in rural Ireland, near the west coast, would also be the most appropriate way to observe the 150th anniversary of the Great Famine that drove so many sons and daughters of Ireland to America's shores.

not clear we're checking.

~~cc Ireland~~
cc+retrn

To Mary Ann.
Let's forward
to POTUS when
we have a final
check

AMERICAN EMBASSY, DUBLIN, IRELAND

UNCLASSIFIED TELEFAX MESSAGE

DATE: July 6, 1995 PAGE 1 of 2

TO: Nancy Soderberg

FAX NUMBER: 202 456-9460

FROM: DCM - Dennis A. Sandberg

FAX NUMBER: (353)-(1)-660-3217

PHONE NUMBER: (353)-(1)-668-8998

SUBJECT: President Clinton's Irish Roots

MESSAGE:

Sean Donlon faxed the following background paper on the President's Irish roots to Ambassador Smith July 6. She asked that I pass it on to you ASAP. Regards.

ROINN AN TAOISIGH

Uimhir.....

To: Taoiseach
From: Seán Doulon
Re: President Clinton's Irish roots



The most authoritative work on this has been done by a New York based genealogist who has provided the relevant material to the Embassy in Washington. The material is currently being reviewed by the Genealogical Office here.

What it shows is that the Irish roots are distant. All of his parents, grandparents and great grandparents were born in the US.

On his father's side, one of his great grandmothers, Hattie Hayes, claimed in census returns that both her parents were born in Ireland. She does not, however, appear to be a particularly reliable informant since in her 1870 census return, she gives her place of birth as Mississippi; in 1880, as Florida with her father born in Ireland and her mother born in the US and in 1900, she claims to have been born at sea and that both her parents were born in Ireland!

President Clinton is personally on record as identifying himself with Ireland through his mother, Virginia Dell Cassidy. However, even when her ancestors are traced back four generations, no Irish link can be established.

On the basis of the current information, the most plausible Irish connection is that one of the President's great, great grandfathers was a Hayes born in Ireland.

4 July, 1995.

Seán

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nancy Soderberg

FROM: John Cullinane

DATE: July 28, 1995

SUBJECT: Binational Industrial Research & Development (BIRD) Fdn.
Update

7/31
CC + *redea*
to MA Peters

Since President Clinton's very successful White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Northern Ireland and the Border Counties, there have been a number of developments with respect to the effort to develop a Technology for Peace Fund for Ireland modeled after the United States' highly successful BIRD agreement with Israel.

As you know, President Clinton committed himself to exploring a Technology for Peace Fund at the Conference and has directed the Secretary of Commerce to undertake negotiations with the governments of Ireland and Great Britain on how to implement a fund to spur on Irish technology development on both sides of the border as part of an agreement between the three countries. As a result, key members of his Administration have visited Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic to move this process forward.

It is important to note that since the Conference, the idea of a technology fund modeled after the Israeli BIRD has met with widespread political support across the political spectrum. This support has been manifested by support from British Prime Minister John Major and Baroness Denton (see attached letter) to the leading members of virtually every political party in both parts of Ireland, including the SDLP, Sinn Fein, the Official Unionist Party, the Alliance Party, Fine Gael, Labor, Democratic Left, and Fianna Fail.

While it is essential to the process of peace and economic regeneration reconstruction on the island of Ireland that a Technology for Peace Fund for Ireland become a reality, there are some obstacles. They are:

1. Some people in the negotiating process question why a Technology Fund for Ireland is necessary, given the other programs that are currently in place.

2. Money is difficult to come by, particularly given the attitudes of some members of the new Congress in the United States toward foreign aid.
3. The Technology Fund for Ireland is concerned with Northern Ireland and the Six Border Counties only. The Republic has few of its top high tech companies located in these counties.

Regarding Item #1 above, those individuals most familiar with the business world are also the most enthusiastic about BIRD. They understand clearly why it has been so successful in Israel. The Israeli BIRD requires Israeli firms to enter into joint ventures with American firms, negotiate all terms in advance and fund 50% of the project before submitting a simple proposal to the Israeli BIRD for funding. This process means that the American firm has made a judgment that the Israeli firm's products can be sold to its American clients. This is incredibly important. This combined with the fast approval approach by the Director of BIRD for loans up to \$200,000 means that the Israeli BIRD is encouraging joint ventures that have a very high probability of success. This is why this process is so appealing to high tech CEO's in both the North and the South of Ireland and those in government who have business experience. Those without this experience are inclined to wonder what's new about BIRD. The Israeli approach is unique because it reflects the reality of doing business successfully. It has generated \$2.2 billion in exports since 1977 and a \$1.2 billion venture capital industry that never existed before. This is what we would like to see for Ireland. The key thing is to get this process under way. With this in mind, we are suggesting the following possibilities. They are:

- a) Ask the International Fund for Ireland to underwrite a pilot effort to encourage U.S. companies and companies in Northern Ireland and the Six Border Counties to undertake joint ventures based on the merits of their products similar to the Israeli BIRD approach.
- b) The Republic of Ireland, through Forbairt's Measure 1 Research & Development Program, already has in place a program designed to operate in a way similar to the Israeli BIRD. However, it does not have funds to support a United States office to encourage joint ventures between Irish and American firms. It is possible that Forbairt's Technology Transfer Program could support a person in the United States to solicit United States firms for joint ventures.
- c) Create a venture capital fund for the island of Ireland. We are currently putting together a blue ribbon panel of venture capital experts in the United States and the United Kingdom to study the complete venture capital requirements of Ireland, not just high tech. Some of these people have already raised a \$45 million venture capital fund for Israel and are about to raise another \$45 million fund for Israel.

A BIRD-like process would be a marvelous "feeder" system for a venture capital fund because it encourages joint ventures between Irish companies and American companies who have access to the all important markets. This means that many of these Irish companies would already be on a fast track to a public offering because their products are being sold on the world markets.

In summary, I believe it would be a wonderful opportunity for President Clinton on his upcoming trip to Ireland and Northern Ireland to announce these efforts at that time. This would provide ample time to put the details in place for a substantive program that so many people in Ireland and Northern Ireland want and need.

JJC/mb

Sept 12.
\$10m
→ calls for Ireland

Commerce Projects as Follow-up to the May White House Conference

Friday - August 4, 1995 - 10:00 a.m. NSC Meeting

Technology Trust Fund

Discussions are continuing with John Cullinane about a "BIRD-like enterprise" which would link U.S. firms desiring to contract research and development projects to Irish and Northern Irish firms. The designing of this BIRD-like enterprise is very entrepreneurial and the framework as well as the detail changes from week to week. This week's thoughts on the Bird-like enterprise are as follows:

- loan funds or grants to support R&D projects in Ireland or Northern Ireland would be provided by the Irish or British governments respectively. The Irish government program vehicle is Forbairt. The British source would be IDB but the exact program is not clear. No IFI funds are contemplated at this time.
- a small group of venture capitalists, headed by Peter Brooke, will travel to Ireland and N.I. in October to survey the market to make their own determination of the need for a new venture capital entity.
- a not-for-profit legal entity would be established in the U.S. for the purpose of screening proposals for R&D projects and locating firms or individuals in Ireland or N.I. to do the work. Commerce has located attorneys who are willing to provide pro-bono legal service to help establish this group. John Cullinane believes it will need to raise \$500,000 to begin its first year of operations.

Trade and Investment Missions

From October 16-20, A/S Meissner is planning a horizontal "nuts and bolts" trade and investment mission to the Border Counties and Northern Ireland. The goal is to recruit approximately twenty small companies. This is a hands-on working level mission and a precursor to other sector oriented missions. To date we have 20 positive inquiries but no firm commitments to the mission. I understand that Secretary Browner will contact Sandy Berger on the idea of a cabinet level trade mission.

Science and Technology MOU

The draft Science and Technology MOU is being vetted. One of the issues outstanding is the question of whether this is a binding or non-binding agreement. The State Department has been asked to draft the appropriate MOU text. The second issue is the IPR Annex which is being discussed between State and Commerce attorneys. IPR issues which U.K. officials raised are being worked through and London has responded positively to the U.S. desire to move this forward in time for a signing by the President's trip.

AMBIT and AID

ITA-IFI MOU was approved by IFI and a signing ceremony for an MOU was held at the WHC. Five interns are in place with a target of 30 more by the end of the year. Funding for 1995 is in place. Commerce is proposing a scaled down budget for 1996 based on the last NSC meeting discussions. The proposed 1996 calendar year budget is \$535,000. This sum would provide for 100 interns to enter the program in 1996 which the Irish, Northern Irish, and the U.S. believes is doable. It is critical that the funding for this program be identified and committed for the program to continue. The program is funded through calendar year 1995.

Technical Assistance for Community Organizations to Attract Investment

Commerce has arranged for a small mentor team to advise community organizations on the process of site selection and preparation for business investment. The team will assist the organizations in identifying appropriate sites for business development and investment and in the preparation of professional presentations to the business community. The group will be in Belfast the first half of September for approximately three days.

Business Information Center for Northern Ireland and the Border Counties of Ireland (NIBC)

Secretary Brown announced this in Belfast last December. This is operating as a fax-on-demand system (tel:(202) 501-7488) with over 200 reports available for distribution. Expansion to the Internet is being established via a home page which will contain most of the material on the fax system and may be able to provide an interactive element for NI firms seeking U.S. business contacts. We are responding to about 50 inquiries a week.

Electronic Matchmaking Project

This is a follow-on activity to the matchmaker event at the WHC and is still in the process of exploration. A key issue is the human resources needed to extend the program. The NIBC interactive element on the Internet is a possibility solution.

Alan Hevesi Proposal for Development Bank (not an active DOC effort)

Jeff Shapiro

The NYC Comptroller's idea to establish an Irish Peace Bond coupled with a new development bank has been raised by DED in Belfast which is interested in 20 year bond funding for major environmental projects. You will recall that Treasury Department did not support this idea. Commerce will contact the Comptroller to determine if his idea to establish such a vehicle is moving forward since the Conference.

Mentor Program for SME's and Community Banking (not an active DOC effort)

This was an idea that came up in a meeting with Sir George Quigley in June in discussions about the need for community banking in Belfast and other areas to provide small business loans. In conjunction with that lending, there is a need to provide technical assistance in business management practices through a mentor program. Commerce will contact Sir George to determine the progress being made in this area.