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*Put in Ireland Book*

Dear Mr. Webster:

Over recent weeks I've spoken with Mark Gearan, Kitty Higgins and Julia Chamovitz (my cousin) about Symphony for United Nations' concert in Belfast on November 30 with a planned simultaneous broadcast by BBC.

The purpose of the concert is to further encourage the peace process and to honor some of the heroes of that process. We see President Clinton as a prime hero for his powerful role in the peace process for Northern Ireland. We would like very much to honor him should he be able to attend, even for a short time.

The program will include "Anatomy of Peace" by Marvin Hamlisch for large orchestra (ours combined with the Ulster Orchestra) and a large children's choir made up of children from all communities (see our enclosed newsletter). We are also asking James Galway, Liam Neeson and possibly Van Morrison to briefly perform.

For 20 years Symphony for United Nations has sought to encourage peace processes worldwide by producing such major events as the three-day Lincoln Center Middle East Festival which included Arabs and U.S. and Israeli Jews, a Kennedy Center benefit which raised \$350,000 for war orphans, and a Carnegie Hall concert which raised over \$100,000 for Bosnian refugee children. SUN's concerts utilize the universal language of music to cross barriers and focus attention on issues of human concern. SUN's next Carnegie Hall concert will be a post Beijing women's event.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have, either by phone, in person or in writing. However, as you know, time is very short so we would appreciate a response at your very earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Eger, Artistic Director/Conductor  
cc Mr. Don Baer

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SUBJECT: UK PRESIDENTIAL VISIT INITIATIVE -  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXCHANGES

1. SUMMARY: AS AN INITIATIVE TO BE ANNOUNCED DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, WE NEED TO CONSIDER A CONCRETE RESPONSE TO AN IDEA FLOATED LAST YEAR BY HMG: REGULAR TRANSATLANTIC CROSS-POSTING OF GOVERNMENT POLICY PLANNERS. POST HAS SEVERAL IDEAS HOW THIS COULD BE DONE WITH LIMITED RESOURCES. OUR KEY WATCHWORD IS SIMPLICITY. END SUMMARY

2. IN OCTOBER, 1994 THEN DEFENSE SECRETARY (NOW FOREIGN SECRETARY) MALCOLM RIFKIND PROPOSED A REGULAR "CROSS-POSTING OF CIVIL SERVANTS BETWEEN NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS." TODAY, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE TRANSATLANTIC INITIATIVE AND RIFKIND'S OWN STATED TOP PRIORITY TO STRENGTHEN THE ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP, IT MAY BE A GOOD TIME TO APPROACH THE BRITISH ON ESTABLISHING A BILATERAL PILOT PROGRAM OF CIVIL SERVICE EXCHANGE. WE NEED TO KNOW IF THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ANY ENTHUSIASM FOR SUCH AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL EFFORT. FAST WORK WOULD BE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A REALITY IN TIME FOR THE PRESIDENT'S NOVEMBER VISIT.

3. THE IMPULSE BEHIND RIFKIND'S PROPOSAL IS THE BROADLY-HELD VIEW THAT, UNLESS COMPENSATORY ACTION IS TAKEN, THE US AND EUROPE ARE GOING TO DRIFT FURTHER APART IN THE YEARS TO COME, WITH A DEGRADATION OF TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION THAT CAN ONLY HARM PROSPECTS FOR WORLD POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SECURITY. THE REASONING IS THAT THE END OF THE COLD WAR HAS REMOVED

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THE GLUE WHICH HELD US TOGETHER, WHILE THE GLOBALIZATION OF THE WORLD ECONOMY WILL LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN RIVALRY DRIVEN BY CONCRETE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS. TO OFFSET THESE PRESSURES, WE NEED TO CREATE NEW KINDS OF TIES -- ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND SOCIAL -- BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE U.S.

4. EXCHANGES OF PEOPLE ON A REGULAR AND LONG TERM BASIS COULD BE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO SUCH AN EFFORT. SUCH PROGRAMS EXIST ALREADY FOR TEACHERS AND MILITARY OFFICERS AND HAVE PROVEN TO BE QUITE EFFECTIVE. WHY NOT EXTEND THIS CONCEPT TO GOVERNMENT MANAGERS AND PLANNERS? SUCH AN EXCHANGE WOULD GENERATE A SHARING OF IDEAS, EXPERIENCE, AND PERSPECTIVES THAT SHOULD YIELD LARGE LONG TERM BENEFITS FOR ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY IN A WIDE RANGE OF POLICY AREAS. IT WOULD HAVE SPECIAL VALUE IF FOCUSED ON TOPICS WHERE THE US AND EUROPE FACE COMMON CHALLENGES AND NEED BETTER COOPERATION IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH THEM, E.G. ORGANIZED CRIME AND NARCOTICS CONTROL, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND REFORM OF HEALTH AND WELFARE SYSTEMS. NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO BRING THE RELATIVELY SIMPLE IDEA OF CROSS-POSTING INTO PRACTICE.

5. THE PROGRAM COULD INVOLVE AS FEW AS FIVE OR AS MANY AS 30 EMPLOYEES, SHIFTED JOB FOR JOB WITHIN CORRESPONDING DEPARTMENTS FOR A ONE-YEAR ASSIGNMENT. EXCHANGE EMPLOYEES WOULD BE BETWEEN GS GRADES OF TEN AND THIRTEEN, WITH DEMONSTRATED POTENTIAL FOR ADVANCEMENT TO SENIOR LEVELS. WE THINK THE POSITIONS THEY FILL SHOULD BE IN PLANNING AND POLICY WORK, RATHER THAN DIRECT DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT. FOR EASE OF ADMINISTRATION AND MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY, THE PROGRAM WOULD BE CONDUCTED ON A DEPARTMENT-TO-DEPARTMENT BASIS, WITHIN ROUGH GUIDELINES UNDER THE WELL-ESTABLISHED USIA'S EXCHANGE VISITOR VISA SCHEME. THE EXCHANGE EMPLOYEES WOULD NOT BE "MANAGED" IN ANY WAY BY THEIR RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES. THESE EMPLOYEES WOULD BE TRUE TRANSPLANTS INTO EACH OTHER'S NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS, NOT JUST MORE BODIES OVERSEAS.

6. OF COURSE THE GREATEST OBSTACLE COULD BE COST - ADDING TO OUR OVERSEAS CONTINGENT IS HARDLY VIABLE AS WE CHOP AWAY AT POSITIONS, CLOSE CONSULATES, AND DEFER MAINTENANCE. HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT BE ADDING TO OVERALL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS. THE MILITARY HAS A LONG TRADITION OF SUCH EXCHANGES OR "BILLET TO BILLET" SWAPS. AS IN THESE SWAPS, FOR EVERY EMPLOYEE WE SEND OVERSEAS, WE GET A BRITISH GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OF SIMILAR CALIBER TO FILL

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A DOMESTIC POSITION.

7. KEEPING AMERICANS OVERSEAS IS EXPENSIVE AND BENEFITS FOR USG EMPLOYEES ARE ESTABLISHED IN A SET OF STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS. HOWEVER, IN SUCH A CROSS-POSTING, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HAVE THE EMPLOYEES SWAP HOUSES (AS TEACHERS DO IN USIA'S HIGHLY-SUCCESSFUL TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAM), THUS SAVING ON HOUSING COSTS. ALSO, EMPLOYEES' CHILDREN COULD SWAP PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SAVING ON EDUCATIONAL COSTS. BRITAIN HAS AN ADEQUATE FREE NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM, SO AT LEAST OUR SIDE COULD SAVE ON MEDICAL BENEFITS. BY MAKING THIS A TRUE EXCHANGE, AND NOT A REGULAR POSTING OF USG EMPLOYEES OVERSEAS, LEGAL OBLIGATIONS TO PAY OVERSEAS BENEFITS COULD BE WAIVED. OBVIOUSLY, AIRLINE TICKETS AND LIMITED SHIPMENTS OF PERSONAL EFFECTS (PROBABLY NOT CARS) WOULD HAVE TO BE COVERED BY DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS. UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 LONDON 012654

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LIKEWISE, SOME ALLOWANCE MUST BE MADE FOR THE HIGHER COST OF LIVING OF LONDON VIS-A-VIS WASHINGTON. ALTERNATIVELY, THE WHOLE PROGRAM COULD BE FUNDED BY A PRIVATE SOURCE, IF ONE COULD BE IDENTIFIED.

8. IF THIS PILOT PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS, IT COULD BE EXTENDED TO OTHER EUROPEAN NATIONS, PROVIDED SUITABLE BILINGUAL CANDIDATES COULD BE SELECTED. TO GET THIS OFF THE GROUND WILL, WE BELIEVE, REQUIRE A WHITE HOUSE EFFORT TO FIRE UP DEPARTMENTAL BUREAUCRACIES AND OVERCOME INERTIA. WE THINK DOMESTIC DEPARTMENTS WILL BE EAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM AND PLENTY OF EMPLOYEES WOULD JUMP AT THE CHANCE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER, EVEN WITH A LIMITED BENEFITS PACKAGE. HOWEVER, THE WHOLE THING COULD GET BOGGED DOWN WITH REGULATIONS AND OBSCURE LEGAL OBJECTIONS. IF WE CAN JUST KEEP IT SIMPLE, IT COULD FLY. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOUR INITIAL THOUGHTS ARE, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.  
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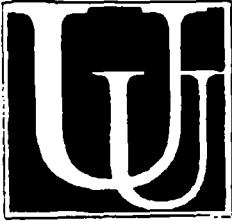
For your appropriate handling.

Thanks.

Todd Stern

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**Fax communication**

**Ms Betty Curry**  
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Dear Ms. Curry:

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ulster wishes to write formally to President Clinton to extend an invitation for the President to accept an honorary degree when he visits Northern Ireland in the near future.

Professor Smith is anxious that the letter should reach the President's office, and to that end I am writing to ask you to whom the letter should be sent in the first instance.

I understand that you are not available this morning, but will try to call you later today and hope that you might be able to give me some direction in this matter. I would be very grateful indeed. I have also listed my direct line at the top of this letter, should you kindly find a moment to call me with the information.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Sincerely

**John McCaffrey**  
**Director of Development**

August 9, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JACK QUINN

RE: UK/IRELAND TRIP

It would be terrifically helpful to our planning to have your guidance on the following questions:

1) Assuming that you have two (2) days in the UK, would you like to try to use part of one of the second day to travel to Scotland to play golf? Please bear in mind that weather conditions in Scotland at that time of year are likely to be pretty unfriendly. In addition, there is time set aside for you to play golf during the Ireland portion of the trip (on Saturday). If, however, you would really like to go to St. Andrews, we will try to work that out. What do you think?

2) If you do not go up to St. Andrews, are there other enjoyable things you would like to do on the second afternoon of your stay in the UK. You could, for example, visit Bath or Stratford-on-Avon. Does anything else come to mind?

3) Prime Minister Major wants to spend both of your evenings in London with you. On the first evening, you will definitely have dinner with him. Do you want to have dinner with him again on the second evening? Would you want to go to the theater with the Majors on the second evening? Would you want him to put together a large dinner involving some group of interesting Americans who live in London? Or, would you rather not do anything with Major on the second evening?

4) Do you want to stay with Ambassador Crowe in London and Ambassador Smith in Dublin or would you prefer hotels?

Thank you.

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*Jack*

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31st October, 1995

Dear Mr President

I would like to extend my thanks for the warm reception and hospitality I received from both yourself and your staff during my visit to the White House as part of the Washington Conference in May.

I would also like to say that I am delighted to hear you will be visiting Northern Ireland in November and I would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to you to partake of my hospitality.

During my visit to the States, I was intrigued to find a number of places called Hillsborough which happens to be the name of the place where the Council offices are located. I checked into this coincidence and made a discovery which I know will interest you.

In 1771 Benjamin Franklin, on a diplomatic mission to Britain as Colonial Envoy, spent five days here in Hillsborough as the guest of Wills Hill, Lord Hillsborough, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The whole course of western history might have been different if Benjamin Franklin and Wills Hill had established rapport.

American historians suggest that the animosity between them generated at Hillsborough played a large part in the initiation of the American War of Independence.

We like to think that our village of Hillsborough is therefore the birthplace of the United States of America.

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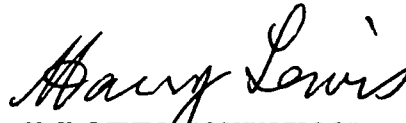
To mark this historic connection I have commissioned a commemorative scroll which I would like to present to you during your visit.

I appreciate you are holding to a very tight schedule so I am quite prepared to meet you at a time and place convenient to yourself and I promise to take no more than two minutes of your time.

I look forward to your reply.

My best wishes.

Yours sincerely

  
W H LEWIS (COUNCILLOR)  
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESIDENT'S PRIZE

1. SUMMARY: THIS CABLE (CLEARED BY EMBASSY LONDON) DESCRIBES

A PROPOSAL BY NORTHERN IRELANDQS TWO MORNING NEWSPAPERS  
TO FUND A CROSS-COMMUNITY "PRESIDENT'S PRIZE" AND CONTAINS  
DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR A WRITTEN PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT  
AND/OR SPEECH COMMENTS ANNOUNCING THE PRIZE. END SUMMARY

2. NORTHERN IRELANDQS TWO MAIN MORNING NEWSPAPERS, THE  
IRISH NEWS AND THE NEWSLETTER, REPRESENTING RESPECTIVELY  
NATIONALIST AND UNIONIST VIEWPOINTS, HAVE PROPOSED TO  
CREATE AND FUND IN COMMEMORATION OF PRESIDENT CLINTONQS  
VISIT, A "PRESIDENT'S PRIZE" WHICH WOULD ANNUALLY AWARD --  
WITH A PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES -- TWO PERSONS FROM  
NORTHERN IRELAND WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO PEACE AND  
RECONCILIATION HERE. DETAILS OF HOW THE RECIPIENTS WILL BE  
CHOSEN EACH YEAR AS WELL AS THE DETAILS OF THE KIND OF  
PROGRAMS THEY WOULD UNDERTAKE ARE STILL BEING DISCUSSED. IN  
BROAD OUTLINE, HOWEVER, THE PRIZES ARE AS DESCRIBED IN A  
LETTER TO THE CONSUL GENERAL FROM IRISH NEWS EDITOR TOM  
COLLINS PREVIOUSLY FAXED TO EUR/UBI, EMBASSY LONDON AND THE  
NSC. CONSUL GENERAL AND EMBASSY LONDON ACAA SUBSEQUENTLY  
MET WITH THE EDITORS OF THE TWO NEWSPAPERS TO DISCUSS THE  
PROJECT FURTHER AND ARE CONFIDENT THE PROPOSAL IS SOUND.

3. THE PROPOSAL FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PRIZE WAS FIRST BROACHED  
BY IRISH NEWS TOM COLLINS AFTER A DINNER WITH DNSA SODERBERG

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AND BELFAST CONSUL GENERAL AT WHICH COLLINS RUED THAT THERE WAS LITTLE OF A CONCRETE NATURE WHICH COULD BE POINTED TO DURING THE PRESIDENTQ'S VISIT TO SYMBOLIZE MOVES FOR THE RECONCILIATION OF THE TWO TRADITIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND. COLLINS SUBSEQUENTLY TEAMED UP WITH HIS COUNTERPART AT THE UNIONIST NEWSLETTER, GEOFFREY MARTIN (THE TWO HAD EARLIER THIS YEAR TRAVELED TOGETHER IN A USIA-SPONSORED PROGRAM) TO MAKE A PROPOSAL FOR A PRESIDENTQ'S PRIZE.

4. THE BACKGROUND TO THE TWO NEWSPAPERS WORKING TOGETHER IS SIGNIFICANT. IN NOVEMBER 1993 THE IRISH NEWS AND THE NEWSLETTER HELD A JOINT TELEPHONE POLL TO COINCIDE WITH A COMMUNITY DAY OF ACTION FOR PEACE. TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TOOK PART IN RALLIES ACROSS NORTHERN IRELAND WHICH HAD BEEN ORGANIZED BY THE IRISH CONGRESS OF TRADES UNIONS WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE MAIN EMPLOYERSQ BODY, THE CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY.

5. THE TELEPHONE POLL ASKED PEOPLE TO REGISTER THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE KILLING WHICH WAS THEN BEING CARRIED OUT BY PARAMILITARY GROUPS FROM BOTH SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY. MORE THAN 150,000 PEOPLE PHONED THE PEACE TELEPHONE LINE -- SOME TEN PERCENT OF THE POPULATION. IT WAS A REMARKABLE FIGURE. A COMPARATIVE FIGURE FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM WOULD HAVE BEEN ALMOST SIX MILLION; IF IT WERE EXTRAPOLATED IN THE UNITED STATES IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE EQUIVALENT OF 25 MILLION CALLS.

6. THE DAY OF ACTION IS CREDITED WITH BEING ONE OF THE BUILDING BLOCKS IN THE PEACE PROCESS WHICH RESULTED IN THE IRA AND LOYALIST CEASEFIRES WITHIN A YEAR. THE MONEY RAISED FROM THE CALLS, PLUS A DONATION FROM BRITISH TELECOM, WAS PUT ASIDE FOR USE IN CROSS-COMMUNITY PROJECTS. IT IS THIS MONEY, ALONG WITH CONTINUING DONATIONS, THAT THE NEWSPAPERS PROPOSE TO USE TO ENDOW THE PRESIDENTS PRIZE.

7. PROPOSAL AND ACTION REQUEST: POST BELIEVES WE SHOULD WELCOME THE TWO NEWSPAPERSQ INITIATIVE AS A MEANINGFUL AND LASTING COMMEMORATION OF PRESIDENT CLINTONQ'S HISTORIC VISIT AND OF THE DESIRE FOR LASTING PEACE WHICH EXISTS IN BOTH COMMUNITIES HERE.

8. POST AND USIS LONDON WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE TWO NEWSPAPERS AS THEY SET UP THE PROGRAM AND SELECT THE FIRST RECIPIENTS. FOR THE PRESIDENTQ'S VISIT, WE RECOMMEND THAT:

-- THE PRESIDENT WELCOME THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRESIDENTS

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PRIZE. IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT IF HE DID SO IN HIS REMARKS AT CITY HALL BECAUSE HE WILL BE THERE SHORTLY AFTER THE TWO-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNITY DAY FOR PEACE THAT FOLLOWED THE PHONE-IN EFFORT.

-- THE IRISH NEWS AND NEWSLETTER BE GIVEN WRITTEN TEXTS OF A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT WELCOMING THE PRIZE.

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9. DRAFT TXTS FOR THESE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWS  
BELOW. PLEASE ADVISE.

BEGIN TEXT OF SUGGESTED EMARKS ON PRESIDENT'S PRIZE TO BE  
INCLUDED INREMARKS AT CITY HALL

TWO YEARS AGO THIS MOON, AT THIS VERY SPOT, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YOU TOOK PART IN A COMMUNITY DAY FOR PEACE. IN TOWNS THROUGHOUT NORTHERN IRELAND THOUSANDS OF OTHER PEOPLE JOINED THAT HEARTFELT CALL FOR PEACE, WHICH HAD BEEN PROMPTED BY SOME OF THE WORST VIOLENCE IN RECENT YEARS.

AND THE TWO MORNING NEWSPAPERS, REPRESENTING EACH TRADITION, SPONSORED A TELEPHONE POLL FOR PEACE WHICH GENERATED ALMOST 160,000 CALLS. THE EQUIVALENT FIGURE FOR THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE BEEN 25 MILLION PEOPLE. THAT POLL LEFT NO DOUBT THAT THE DESIRE, INDEED THE DEMAND FOR PEACE, WAS DEEPLY AND EQUALLY FELT THROUGHOUT NORTHERN IRELAND, IN PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC, URBAN AND RURAL, WORKING AND MIDDLE CLASS COMMUNITIES ALIKE.

I AM HONORED TO ANNOUNCE TODAY THAT THOSE SAME TWO NEWSPAPERS -- THE NEWS LETTER AND THE IRISH NEWS -- HAVE ESTABLISHED THE PRESIDENT'S PRIZE. IT WILL GO ANNUALLY TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED MOST TO PEACE AND RECONCILIATION. THE RECIPIENTS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN A PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH, I TRUST, WILL BENEFIT THEIR

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COMMUNITIES.

THIS PRIZE WILL BE A SYMBOL THAT, IN SPITE OF THEIR POLITICAL DIFFERENCES, THE TWO TRADITIONS HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN PEACE AND RECONCILIATION. IT WILL ALSO SYMBOLIZE THE LONG AND DEEP CONNECTIONS BETWEEN NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE UNITED STATES -- NOT LEAST THAT FULLY ONE QUARTER OF AMERICA'S PRESIDENTS HAD ROOTS IN THIS PART OF IRELAND. FINALLY, I HOPE IT WILL SERVE AS A LASTING REMINDER THAT BY OUR GATHERING TONIGHT, WE HAVE TAKEN ANOTHER STEP TOWARD THE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION THAT CAN AND SHOULD BE OUR LEGACY TO THE CHILDREN OF NORTHERN IRELAND, AND OF THE WORLD, THIS CHRISTMAS.

END DRAFT REMARKS

10. BEGIN DRAFT STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATION IN THE TWO NEWSPAPERS ON NOVEMBER 30 ANNOUNCING THE PRIZE. BEGIN TEXT:

IT IS ONE OF THE IRONIES OF HISTORY THAT PEOPLE IN THIS PART OF IRELAND WERE ABLE TO READ THE AMERICAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BEFORE KING GEORGE III IN LONDON. THE DECLARATION WAS PUBLISHED IN BELFAST BY THE NEWS LETTER AFTER THE SHIP CARRYING IT TOOK SHELTER IN ULSTER.

THE LINKS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS ISLAND RUN DEEP. THE ULSTER-SCOTS TRADITION PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION. THE WAVE OF IRISH CATHOLICS CAME LATER AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION HAS BEEN NO LESS SIGNIFICANT.

WITH THE CONSTITUTION'S COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, BOTH TRADITIONS HAVE FOUND A HOME IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS REMARKABLE TO THINK THAT OF THE 43 PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE HELD OFFICE, MORE THAN A QUARTER HAVE ANCESTORS WHO CAME FROM THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

I AM PROUD TO FOLLOW IN THE LINE OF PRESIDENTS WITH IRISH LINKS, STRETCHING BACK TO ANDREW JACKSON, WHOSE HOMESTEAD IS IN CARRICKFERGUS.

THE PRESIDENT'S PRIZE, WHICH I AM PLEASED TO LAUNCH TODAY, RECOGNIZES THOSE HISTORIC LINKS BETWEEN IRELAND, PARTICULARLY THE PROVINCE OF ULSTER, AND THE PRESIDENCY.

TWO YEARS AGO, THE IRISH NEWS AND THE NEWS LETTER CAME TOGETHER TO SPONSOR A TELEPHONE POLL FOR PEACE. IT FOLLOWED

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Department of External Affairs

Director of Development  
John McCaffrey**FAX COMMUNICATION**

16 October 1995

**Mr. Jack Quinn**  
**Counsel to the President**  
**The White House**  
**Washington DC 20500**

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Dear Mr. Quinn:

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Smith, is in Japan this week, but has asked me to write to you in his name in connection with our invitation to the President during his Irish visit.

We understand that the advance team which recently visited Ireland has now returned to Washington and has provisionally recommended an "event" in Derry's Guildhall. I know that these days will be crucial in determining what that event might be.

We also understand that one of the University's other embryonic projects, a Tip O'Neill visiting professor in Peace Studies has also be mooted. The Vice-Chancellor wants me to stress to you confidentially that the University's first objective and priority remains a peace degree ceremony where the President will receive sole recognition from the Universities of Limerick and Ulster for his single and unique role in brokering a peace process in Northern Ireland, the Middle East and the Balkans.

The Tip O'Neill project is still very much in its infancy and, if it is to succeed, will require significant funding in addition to the start-up money from the IFI. Whatmore, the focus would most definitely be on Tip O'Neill, his family and the International Fund, and not necessarily on the President. The Vice-Chancellor's view is that we would wish the President to be associated only with a certain and confirmed project, a "sure thing" if you like, as well as something which is seen as "balanced" and not predominantly "green". At this point in time, the degree ceremony represents the best hope of that being achieved.

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I know that time will be a crucial factor in determining what happens in Derry, but both Limerick and Ulster wish to reiterate once again that this colorful and meaningful ceremony can take place in 30-45 minutes, and, because of the selected venue, can be combined with other factors like a meeting with Derry City Council and John Hume, etc. You will know of the support for this project from Ambassador Kennedy Smith as well as others in this community from both traditions. The new Consul General in Belfast, Kathleen Stevens, attended the degree ceremony for Javier Perez de Cuellar earlier this month, and I know was impressed by what she saw (including the positive press coverage which followed).

Once again, we appreciate having in both Erskine Bowles and yourself understanding advocates of our proposal. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be back in Washington on other business for one day between November 9 -13 and would very much welcome the chance to call and say hello if your schedule permitted. I would look forward to that very much indeed.

Professor Smith has asked me to convey his warmest wishes to you and to Erskine.

With best regards.

Sincerely



**John McCaffrey**  
**Director of Development**

Tel: 011 44 1232 368132  
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cc: Mr. Erskine B. Bowles

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN  
8-15-95

August 11, 1995

MEMORANDUM

To: THE PRESIDENT  
From: Jonathan Friebert  
Re: James Lyons Memo

*Jack (Nancy)  
interesting, Advise*

*BK*

Mr. Lyons wrote a memo concerning your upcoming visit to Northern Ireland. His thesis is the root cause of turmoil in Northern Ireland is "open and pervasive discrimination, particularly in employment, education, and housing." Although not acknowledged by the U.S., the British government has assisted in opening these sectors of society to the Catholic minority.

Mr. Lyons believes that you could discuss the American experience of combating discrimination, particularly focusing on "constitutional and statutory protections." He thinks U.S. provisions for minority groups provide a good design for Irish lawmakers to follow. To make these resources available, Lyons thinks you should announce "the establishment of a permanent library and conference facility to be located in Northern Ireland" called the "United States Center for Peace in Northern Ireland" or "America House." He reasons this would not only "represent a permanent and valuable U.S. contribution," but would also symbolize your personal commitment to peace.

He has discussed this idea with Jack Quinn and the NSC staff. He will be in Ireland the week of August 21st and could begin conversations with key people. Please let him know through Jack Quinn or Nancy Soderberg how he should proceed.

# MEMORANDUM

To: POTUS

From: James M. Lyons

Re: Presidential visit to Northern Ireland  
("American Peace Center")

Date: August 10, 1995

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## I. BACKGROUND.

The principal causes of the years of unrest and violence in Northern Ireland are not religious differences or poor economic conditions, although both of these factors have contributed to the situation. Rather, the underlying source of unrest, distrust, and instability has been open and pervasive discrimination, particularly in employment, education, and housing.

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*TO MAP -  
Where are  
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Jack: The attached memorandum was sent to the President this morning.

JML

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cc: Jack Quinn  
Nancy Quinn

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1995

NOTE TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kitty', written over the printed name 'KITTY HIGGINS'.

As the planning for your trip to Ireland begins in earnest, Secretary Brown thought you might enjoy a letter sent to Ambassador Smith last December from an American priest working in Derry.

cc: Leon Panetta  
Harold Ickes

December 3, 1994

Dear Ambassador Smith,

I am an American and a Catholic priest who has spent the past few months in Northern Ireland doing pastoral work in the Catholic parish of Magherafelt in Co. Derry. I would like you to convey to President Clinton my gratitude to him for the way he is supporting the development of a peace process. Most of my contacts are with people who I meet on the street, in the hospital, during home visits, etc and it amazes me that in general the people are aware and grateful for his efforts on their behalf. One of the unexpected bonuses of my sabbatical is that I have been able to gain a new appreciation for what it means to be an American. I wish the President could experience or at least be close to the profound sense of relief that has entered the lives of the parents of the children of Northern Ireland, I wish that he could talk to the young adults as they savor positive experiences they have never known before and begin to dream, I wish he could be touched by the gratitude of the senior citizens who are ready to explore

the aspects of what it means to be a democratic society — and I wish he and the other members of the government who have worked so hard to get the process moving could know the blessings of renewed hope and personal peace in their own lives as a reward for their labors.

I am not an activist and if anything I'm probably in the category of the apathetic most of the time. I am at this time in my life, however, very positive about the government, the President and the Democratic party. "Proud to be an American" sounds trite. But that's

here I stand today in Northern Ireland.

Please accept my best wishes for a blessed Christmas and my gratitude also to your family who I know has kept the needs of the people here close to their hearts.

God Bless You,  
Fr. Patrick Truffly

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September 18, 1995

To KB  
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Mr. F.G. McConnell  
Chief Executive  
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Netherleigh  
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Belfast BT4 2JP

Dear Mr. McConnell

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter concerning the joint Northern Irish and Irish proposal for a 2-3 year pilot exercise submitted to the IFI Advisory Committee last week. I understand that the proposal, which will be considered by the full IFI Board on September 22, would give companies in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland the opportunity to engage in joint venture product development with established U.S. companies.

Please be assured that the U.S. Government is supportive of the idea of a research/product development program which is conceptually similar to the program mentioned in the White House press release of June 5th. The pilot Radius program from our initial reading of the proposal would fit this concept.

Given the present budgetary climate in Washington, I do not feel we can count on additional U.S. government funds being involved in this effort, other than those authorized and appropriated for our support of the International Fund for Ireland. This limitation would also include support of this effort by Commerce personnel in our district offices although we will be happy to notify all of the offices of this pilot program.

We would be pleased to put all the information relating to this pilot program on the Internet through a home page which will have an interactive element. This interactive element will allow us to describe the program and allow for information exchange from interested companies. This is an extension of the Business Information Center for Northern Ireland and the Border Counties of Ireland (NIBC) identified at the White House Conference and announced by Secretary Brown last December.

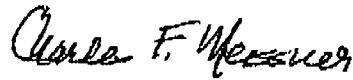


While I do not anticipate involvement of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in any project evaluation, the Technology Administration, led by Undersecretary Mary Good is interested in exploring a more active role in how it might assist your efforts with this pilot program.

We are also pleased to note there may be private sector efforts which could be coordinated with this program which will enhance its effectiveness. We are supportive of the role the private sector can play.

I will end by wishing you a successful presentation to the IFI Board on September 22.

Sincerely,



Charles F. Meissner

cc: Mary Good  
Joseph Clark  
Nancy Soderberg  
Jonathan Sallet  
Senator George Mitchell  
James Lyons

Nancy- I thought  
you might find  
this interesting.  
Let's talk about it  
at our next mtg.  
Lucie



August 25, 1995

To : DCM - Tim Deal

From : Will Imbrie 

Subject : FCO comments on Clinton's initial program

I met with Maurice Dalton from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 8/24 for a preliminary meeting on the visit and the survey team program and went over the ideas which were initially proposed by the White House. Maurice provided HMG views on the proposed program and valuable background on what goes on during the three days of debate on the new budget.

With the general election approaching, the presentation and debate of the budget on November 28 will be the most important issue for the PM and the Conservative party of the year. The presentation, debate and press coverage (which lasts for three days 8/28-30) are critical to party election plans. They will not want anything to interfere with the program, or to upstage the press coverage of the budget.

On the morning of November 28, PM Major will have a final, full Cabinet meeting where the Cabinet will formally approve the budget and make final decisions on presentation. Press coverage and speculation will be heavy, with press in front of Number 10 from the first moment of the morning, and throughout the day.

A brief meeting with Clinton, to be over by 1000, with a very brief press availability afterwards in front of Number 10 seems to be possible. A further, large press conference would likely be sparsely attended by UK press, and would not be desired by the PM as it would detract from their public relations plan to focus the press' attention on the PM's budget.

The Chancellor the Exchequer will present the budget to Parliament on the afternoon of the 28th, and the debate, with the PM in attendance, will go on most of the afternoon. This is considered by the government to be the most important Parliamentary day of the year. There will be much press attention on the budget and local press will focus, almost entirely, on the budget. For example, the Times will devote perhaps 8 full pages in its November 29 edition on the budget, to the exclusion of most other matters.

It would be possible to meet with Tony Blair on the morning of Nov. 28, but the Labor party will also be focused on its opposition to the government budget and how it will play its hand in the afternoon's budget debates. Tony Blair, like the PM, will consider this debate critical to his campaign to win the next general election.

Lunch is possible at Buckingham palace on Nov. 28. Traditional time is 1:00, ending about 2:30.

Possible events for the afternoon are golf (they suggested Wentworth, near Windsor, and incidentally near Runnymede where the Kennedy Memorial is located). This might be a time when the President could meet with the Embassy family, perhaps at the Residence.

Dinner with the PM is impossible as the Chancellor of the Exchequer hosts a formal dinner the night of Budget day, and the PM is the guest of honor.

This would be a good night to focus on American, business, or other U.S.-oriented events with minimum UK press focus. Whatever public focus exists must not conflict with the PM's press converge.

On Wednesday, it would be appropriate to have perhaps a two-hour session in the morning with the PM and his key advisors to focus entirely on Northern Ireland issues.

I understand that the Lord Chancellor and Speaker of the Commons are seized with the issue of the President addressing a joint session of Parliament. Traditionally this would be held at about 11:00, probably in the Royal Gallery of the Palace of Westminster. This is not like a joint session of Congress (i.e. it is not a command performance with all 650 MP's and all members of Lords required to be present), and members of Commons and Lords will come if they choose. With Clinton speaking, it would be expected that there would be full house, however. There is almost no space in the Royal Gallery for press and all that could be included would be a very small press pool.

Afternoon could be out of town. This is another time Clinton could meet with the Embassy family.

The PM wants to host a dinner in honor of the President on the night of the 29th. Dinner would be preceded by a reception and would be for a max of 65. They promise that the guests would be "very interesting."

The PM very much wants to accompany the President to Northern Ireland, but is not sure if he can as it will be the third day of the budget debate.

As Northern Ireland is part of the UK, there would be no farewell from HMG. The formal farewell would be done when the President departs Northern Ireland for Dublin.

John Mayhew is not only Secretary of State for Northern Ireland but is the Queen's representative in Northern Ireland and as such represents the Queen in Northern Ireland.

Maurice had not focused yet on Northern Ireland, but noted that he thought that Londonderry would be difficult, both logistically and politically.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ALEXANDER VERSHBOW *W*

FROM: MARY ANN PETERS *MA*

SUBJECT: Memorandum to the President on an "American Peace Center" in Northern Ireland

Jim Lyons, a Denver lawyer and Democratic Party stalwart and the U.S. representative on the International Fund for Ireland Board, has sent the President a memo (Tab A) suggesting that he announce the establishment of an "American Peace Center" during his visit to Northern Ireland. The center would make available American law and experience in combating discrimination. We like the basic idea of a permanent center to share aspects of the American political experience, but we think Jim's concept needs to be broadened so the Protestant community will welcome it as warmly as the Catholics. Your memo to the President (Tab I) makes this point, and flags the need to secure funding before an announcement could be made.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President  
Tab A Memo from Jim Lyons

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

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INFORMATION

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

SUBJECT: Jim Lyons' Proposal for a "Peace Center" in  
Northern Ireland

Jim Lyons has suggested that one element of your upcoming visit to Northern Ireland be the announcement of an American "peace center" to make available to the people of Northern Ireland the American experience in combating discrimination. Lyons envisages a permanent library and conference facility to provide access to the American anti-discrimination experience and our written constitutional and statutory protection of political minorities.

A peace center has merit as a way to make a uniquely American contribution to resolving the conflict in Northern Ireland. However, as Lyons acknowledges, the blatant anti-Catholic discrimination of the Stormont era has ended. An American center focusing too narrowly on discrimination risks being seen as subtly equating the unionists with 50's-style Southern segregationists, which would be neither fair nor useful.

There is, however, considerable interest in Northern Ireland in political/minority rights and in issues related to the functioning of multi-cultural societies. An American peace center focused on sharing the experiences of the U.S., the UK and Ireland on these issues would be a significant asset to the long-term resolution of the conflict in Northern Ireland.

We will need to investigate funding sources before deciding whether the announcement of such a peace center is feasible in time for your trip. Jim Lyons has suggested that the International Fund for Ireland would earmark \$5 million for the project, but the Board would have to vote to do so. If U.S. funding is secured, we would consider approaching the EU, which has just announced a multi-year \$561 million program for Northern Ireland, and the British and Irish governments, for additional support.

Attachment

Tab A Memo from Jim Lyons

cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN  
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August 11, 1995

## MEMORANDUM

To: THE PRESIDENT  
From: Jonathan Friebert  
Re: James Lyons Memo

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Mr. Lyons wrote a memo concerning your upcoming visit to Northern Ireland. His thesis is the root cause of turmoil in Northern Ireland is "open and pervasive discrimination, particularly in employment, education, and housing." Although not acknowledged by the U.S., the British government has assisted in opening these sectors of society to the Catholic minority.

Mr. Lyons believes that you could discuss the American experience of combating discrimination, particularly focusing on "constitutional and statutory protections." He thinks U.S. provisions for minority groups provide a good design for Irish lawmakers to follow. To make these resources available, Lyons thinks you should announce "the establishment of a permanent library and conference facility to be located in Northern Ireland" called the "United States Center for Peace in Northern Ireland" or "America House." He reasons this would not only "represent a permanent and valuable U.S. contribution," but would also symbolize your personal commitment to peace.

He has discussed this idea with Jack Quinn and the NSC staff. He will be in Ireland the week of August 21st and could begin conversations with key people. Please let him know through Jack Quinn or Nancy Soderberg how he should proceed.

## M E M O R A N D U M

To: POTUS

From: James M. Lyons

Re: Presidential visit to Northern Ireland  
("American Peace Center")

Date: August 10, 1995

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## I. BACKGROUND.

The principal causes of the years of unrest and violence in Northern Ireland are not religious differences or poor economic conditions, although both of these factors have contributed to the situation. Rather, the underlying source of unrest, distrust, and instability has been open and pervasive discrimination, particularly in employment, education, and housing.

Since the institution of direct rule of Northern Ireland by the British government over 20 years ago, a number of programs have been instituted by the British to address discrimination in these areas.<sup>1</sup>

- Public housing in Northern Ireland is generally of the four-plex multi-family townhouse style located in well-landscaped areas with common amenities such as parks and open space. This housing is available to both Catholics and Protestants alike, and frankly is significantly superior to that found in most U.S. cities. Public housing is regulated by a government agency and is intended to be provided on a non-sectarian and need-determined basis.
- Employment laws barring discrimination have also been put in place and are theoretically enforced on a non-discriminatory basis through detailed and comprehensive reporting which is required of companies and businesses which are subject to the applicable laws.
- Public education, particularly at the college and university level, has successfully been opened to the Catholic minority in Northern Ireland. The result over the years has been that Catholics now outnumber

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<sup>1</sup> Parenthetically, I would note that the British government has never received enough credit or recognition from the U.S. for these efforts. You may wish to address or acknowledge this in some way while you're in London.

Protestants at Queen's University in Belfast, which is the largest university in the province.

The four major churches in Northern Ireland (Catholic, Presbyterian, Anglican and Methodist), and private philanthropic or community organizations such as the Flax Trust have played an important role at the community or district council level in bringing people together in common purpose, encouraging dialogue, and promoting reconciliation between the two religious traditions. Governmental agencies of the British government and the European community as well as organizations like the International Fund for Ireland have also played substantial roles in promoting economic development through job creation and establishing mechanisms at the community level for tolerance and understanding.

Nevertheless, much remains to be done if peace is to become permanent and a political solution developed which will allow the people of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to achieve lasting harmony without outside intervention. The Hume-Adams talks, the Downing Street Declaration, the IRA ceasefire in August, 1994, and the Protestant/paramilitary ceasefire in the fall of 1994 have all created a true "window of opportunity" for meaningful political dialogue to take place. Nevertheless, as time goes by without substantial and significant progress, momentum could be lost and extremists could disrupt the fragile status quo for their own long-term purposes. In short, the window of "peace opportunity" may already be closing.

## II. ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION.

You know first-hand as a "son of the new south" the tangible and constructive role played by the federal government over the last 25 years in combating racial discrimination in the U.S. (Similarly, federal law has played an important role in addressing the problems of age, gender, and ethnic discrimination.) The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (both the result of the leadership of another southern president), as well as equal or fair employment, housing and education laws have created a body of experience and jurisprudence which over a generation or more has significantly improved the lives of literally millions of Americans while strengthening the social fabric and economic vitality of affected regions, particularly the south.

In Northern Ireland, the thoughtful and moderate Unionists (mostly but not exclusively Protestant) sensed the inevitability of a Catholic majority in the province and some type of political arrangement, if not union, with the Republic. This group is increasingly mindful of their likely minority status in the future

and is looking to legal or constitutional protections such as our Bill of Rights to protect them when this day comes.

The combination of American anti-discrimination experience and our written constitutional and statutory protections of political minorities is a powerful model and resource which we can provide to Northern Ireland as a practical, lasting, and significant contribution in support of political talks and efforts to achieve a permanent peace. In order to make this American experience and resource available, I propose that, during your Ireland visit, you announce the establishment of a permanent library and conference facility to be located in Northern Ireland (probably in Belfast) to provide a resource to be used by all parties to the peace process.

The facility (working title: United States Center for Peace in Northern Ireland or "America House") would include:

- \*A full legal and academic library, including Westlaw and Lexis databases, focusing on anti-discrimination jurisprudence and constitutional scholarship, particularly in the area of individual and political rights. Eventually, the facility could possibly be computer linked to one or more major American law schools and/or the Library of Congress.

- \*The facility would include seminar and meeting rooms for use in conferences and programs as well as for use by participants in the ongoing peace process and the New Ireland Forum.<sup>2</sup>

- \*Office facilities for staff, fellows, and visiting scholars such as senior federal judges to provide personal, hands-on assistance at little or no additional cost to the facility or the United States (federal judges are appointed for life, as you well know, and continue to receive compensation upon senior status or retirement).

Ideally, the facility would be located in an area such as Springvale in West Belfast, where a major new branch campus of the University of Ulster is already under consideration at a site which is centrally located between the principal Protestant and Catholic

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<sup>2</sup>The New Ireland Forum is an organization of political parties (North and South) which meets regularly to consult on the manner in which peace and stability can be achieved in a "New Ireland" through the democratic process and to explore structures through which this objective can be achieved. Membership is open to all democratic parties which have rejected violence and have elected or appointed members to the Dail or the Northern Ireland Assembly. Tanaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) Dick Spring and John Hume are both members of the Forum.

enclaves in this part of the city. Alternatively, the facility could be located at or adjacent to Queen's University.

Depending on the size and scope of the facility, a capital budget would need to be developed and funding sources identified. In this regard, the IFI has already pledged five million pounds to the Springvale Campus of Ulster University; this money could be earmarked for America House. Assuming this concept meets with your preliminary approval, we would need to solicit the views (and hopefully financial support) of the British government, the EC, and the Republic of Ireland. Additional funds through private Irish-American organizations and the United States could also be solicited.

I believe this concept outlines a project which could represent a permanent and valuable U.S. contribution to the peace process and is a project worthy of a Presidential announcement during your visit this fall. Certainly, given the role which you have personally played in advancing the cause of peace in Northern Ireland, such a project would be a fitting symbol of your contribution to peace and the centerpiece of your visit to Belfast.

I have preliminarily discussed this concept with several members of the White House and NSC staff and have reviewed it with Jack Quinn, who is enthusiastic.

Please let me know (through Jack Quinn or Nancy Soderberg) if you would like me to proceed to develop the details and support for such a project. I plan to be in Ireland the week of August 21, and could begin discussions with the necessary players and decision makers.

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cc: Jack Quinn  
Nancy Quinn

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August 30, 1995

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MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY SODERBERG

THROUGH: ALEXANDER VERSHBOW *[initials]*  
FROM: MARY ANN PETERS *[initials]*  
SUBJECT: President's Visit to Northern Ireland

Kathy Stephens mentioned in a phone conversation today that Jim Lyons (who was in Belfast this week) wants the President to visit a site connected with IFI, such as the Townsend Business Center. As I recall, though, the Business Center is not a suitable site for the speech (too small and chopped up); to include it in the itinerary as an extra stop would take too much time. The President will, presumably, mention IFI in his speech, especially if we are ready to announce a "peace center" along the lines of Lyons' proposal.

Three other issues will have to be addressed, preferably before the pre-advance leaves on September 24th. The first is the need to squeeze an event of special interest to the unionists into the schedule. A visit to Andrew Jackson's ancestral home at Carrickfergus would achieve this without offending anyone else. Kathy will send us a cable recommending it and letting us know how much time it would take.

*B&M?*  
We have currently planned two one-hour meetings with political leaders -- one with unionists/loyalists; the other with nationalists/republicans. This sends the signal that we accept the parties' refusal to gather together as normal. Kathy thinks we might be able to get all the parties to come to a reception at City Hall, where we could arrange pull-asides with the key leaders. This would be more fitting symbolically, especially if some kind of talks are underway by November. I think we should make this our preferred option and find out through Kathy whether the unionists would agree to attend.

Finally, Kathy, from her Belfast vantage point, and Val Martinez, who just returned from Belfast, have both expressed serious reservations about the idea of the President spending the night at John Hume's home in Donegal. They fear the overnight with Hume would overshadow the entire visit to Belfast; unionists would quickly compare the short time the President will be able

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to spend with their leaders to the hours he would be spending in Hume's company. Kathy and Val make the point that the visit to Derry is already a significant gesture to Hume, and Hume will also certainly be at the table with the President for dinner that night. Given the way these gestures are weighed in Northern Ireland, an overnight in addition to all that would give the visit too much of a nationalist tilt. I think we should trust Kathy's and Val's judgment on this and not risk the impact of the visit for an overnight with Hume. In any case, getting the President, staff, and press in and out of Donegal would probably be a logistical nightmare.

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**COUNTERACT**  
An Anti-Intimidation Unit Sponsored by ICTU

Our Ref: Educate/Video

FOR THE ATTENTION OF: Ms Mary Ann Peters

11th September 1995

Dear Ms Peters

I attach copy of letter sent to Nancy Soderbers seeking the possibility of The President attending the launch of an event during his visit to Belfast later this year.

I appreciate that you are extremely busy and that the President's agenda would be very full but nevertheless could I be so bold as ask if you could indicate if there was any prospect of our request being successful as you can appreciate that we would be shortly making preparation for our event.

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



**Billy Robinson**  
Co-Ordinator.

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Nancy Soderbers  
National Security Council  
White House  
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9th August 1995

Dear Ms Soderbers

**RE: PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON'S VISIT TO N. IRELAND**

I write as Co-ordinator of Counteract an anti-intimidation unit established in 1990 by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and sponsored by ICTU affiliated unions, with the aim of combating sectarianism and intimidation both in the workplace and community. (see attached literature )

Counteract has provided anti-sectarian training to trade unions, community groups, and increasingly we have been engaged by employers to assist in developing action policies, strategies and awareness training seminars on sectarianism for their personnel from senior staff to shop floor level .

Through our work with various organisations we have observed a need for an inter-active video and training package to assist companies and organisations address the more sensitive aspects of sectarianism. To meet this need Counteract has started production of such a video, completion and launch will take place in late November, as this coincides with the Presidents intended visit to N Ireland we have written to him requesting if possible his attendance at the launch as his presence at the event would give a high profile

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to this work and encourage employers and organisations to take a more proactive role in addressing sectarianism in the workplace. (copy of letter to President enclosed)

Could we ask that you would look favourably at this request and lend your support whatever way possible. We would be most grateful if you could assist us in this matter

**Yours sincerely**

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**Billy Robinson**  
**Co-Ordinator**

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President

TELEFAX

CC to M A Peter  
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TO: Nancy Soderberg  
FROM: John Cullinane  
DATE: August 21, 1995  
SUBJECT: Binational Industrial Research & Development (BIRD) Fdn. Update

During the week of October 16, 1995, two noted U. S. venture capitalists, Peter A. Brooke of Advent International Corporation, and William P. Egan of Burr, Egan, Deleage & Co., and I will be visiting Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic to evaluate the venture capital opportunities in Ireland. We will be joined by Francis Costello, and possibly others. As background, Mr. Brooke was the founder of TA Associates and Advent International Corporation, two of the world's largest venture and development capital firms. In addition, Mr. Brooke raised and Advent is co-managing a US\$ 45 million venture capital fund for Israel. The managing director of this fund was previously the managing director of the BIRD Foundation in Israel. Through this connection, Mr. Brooke is intimately aware of the BIRD process and how it can be used to further venture capital investment in an emerging economy. Mr. Brooke has close personal ties to Northern Ireland, and his firm has an office in London as well as Boston and Hong Kong. Mr. Egan is the founder of a very successful venture capital firm in the U.S. and has been involved in establishing venture capital management companies in England and Ireland. Mr. Egan has close personal ties to the Republic.

In recognition of the unique situation in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic, we have discussed the possibility of raising a venture fund to invest in local enterprises and to underwrite the cost of soliciting and encouraging companies in the United States to form joint ventures with Irish high-technology firms in both the North and the South. The joint ventures formed by this effort would eventually be ideal investment candidates for the venture capital fund. As these growth opportunities developed, expansion capital and professional guidance would be provided by the Fund and its management. In essence, the joint ventures would constitute a "feeder" system of investment opportunities for the venture fund.

To encourage the establishment of these joint ventures, the assistance of a BIRD-like system in Ireland is required. Firms participating in the joint ventures would have to negotiate their own individual agreements (as is the policy of the Israeli BIRD Foundation) and fund 50 percent of the project before requesting the balance from the appropriate agency in the North or the South, depending upon the location of the Irish company. It is our hope that once in place, the appropriate agencies, on both sides of the border, would follow the Israeli BIRD Foundation's rapid authorization and approval procedure. It strikes me that the strategy of creating a BIRD-like system in both parts of Ireland and linking them to a venture capital fund would not only solve many of the problems of introducing such an approach to Ireland but also greatly increase the interest of U.S. venture capitalists in both sides of the border. Incidentally, I have approached some key American businessmen of Irish descent to get their reaction to this idea and have found them very interested in investing in such a venture fund.

The purpose of our visit in mid-October is to meet with as many people as possible involved in this process, including venture capital sources in the North and the South, along with the representatives of the International Fund for Ireland and government officials, as well as those from the appropriate agencies in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.



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MESSAGE: Attached memo regarding Commerce Projects Following Up the White  
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September 1, 1995

**Memorandum for:** Nancy Soderberg  
**From:** Charles Meissner *CEM*  
**Subject:** Commerce Projects Following Up the White House  
Conference (WHC)

The following information is provided to update activities associated with the Department of Commerce's WHC follow-up.

**1. "BIRD-like" Concept and John Cullinane's Efforts**

Discussions are continuing with John Cullinane. We also contacted the science and technology community in Ireland and Northern Ireland to solicit information on their programs about a "BIRD-like fund" which would link U.S. firms desiring to contract research and development projects with Irish and Northern Irish firms. Commerce has confirmed that there are existing research and development programs in Northern Ireland and Ireland that could support joint R&D efforts with U.S. companies (August 11 memorandum to Nancy Soderberg). The following summarizes our knowledge of programs and activities that are taking place to pursue the idea of a "Bird-like" fund.

***R&D Programs and "BIRD"***

- grant programs exist to support R&D projects between Irish and Northern Irish firms and U.S. firms in Ireland or Northern Ireland. The Irish government program vehicle is Forbairt's Measure 1 Program which has available approximately 15 million pounds a year for research and development grants. The British counterpart is the Industrial Research and Technology Unit (IRTU) which is budgeted at 14 million pounds a year for similar activities.
- the Irish and Northern Irish science and technology people at IRTU and Forbairt are planning to submit a joint proposal to the International Fund for Ireland to re-direct some of its S&T budget to a "BIRD-like" pilot program. The full IFI board will consider this proposal in late September. This proposal will be influenced by the findings on a trip the Northern Irish and Irish technology people made to Israel at the end of August to review the Israeli BIRD.
- John Cullinane is exploring establishing a small office in the U.S. for the purpose of screening U.S. proposals for joint R&D projects or joint ventures. The office would also locate firms or individuals in Ireland or Northern Ireland to do the work.



His idea is that the R&D projects would be financed in part by Irish or UK funds depending on the location of the R&D project. IFI funds could also be used to enhance national funds.

### ***Venture Capital***

A small group of venture capitalists headed by Peter Brooke, will travel to Ireland and Northern Ireland in October to survey the market to make their own determination of the market for venture capital and the need for a new venture capital entity.

### **2. OPIC Supported Venture Capital Fund for Northern Ireland and the Border Counties**

A venture capital group has met with us to discuss the formation of a venture capital fund for Ireland and Northern Ireland. This New York based group is looking for an OPIC guarantee and have asked Commerce to assist setting up a meeting with OPIC in the near future to discuss their proposal to create the fund. The fund is envisioned at \$70 to \$100 million. Conceptually, it would be similar to the OPIC participation in the venture capital funds set up in Eastern Europe.

### **3. Trade and Investment Missions**

The October 16-20 trade mission organization is moving forward. The goal is to recruit 15-20 small to medium sized companies by September 15. We are over half way toward the goal and anticipate a variety of types of companies on the mission which will go to Belfast, Derry, Monaghan, and Dundalk. Direct support is being provided by U.S. Embassies in Dublin and London.

### **4. Science and Technology MOU/IPR Annex**

There are two open areas of concern with this issue.

The outstanding issue on the draft Science and Technology MOU is whether this is a binding or non-binding agreement. Joe Clark of the Technology Administration does not think that this is a serious obstacle and believes it will be settled in time for signing during the President's trip. The State Department has been asked to draft the appropriate MOU text.

The second issue is the IPR Annex itself which is being discussed among State and Commerce attorneys, USTR and an IPR expert in the U.K. government. We now have a draft IPR Annex. Commerce and State lawyers are reviewing the text. Review should be completed by September 1. This "Annex" is more expansive than the one which originally was discussed because it includes all of the U.K. and is not just limited to Northern Ireland. Again, the Technology Administration feels confident that the Annex will be agreed upon by the time of the President's trip.

## **5. AMBIT and AID**

Commerce is proposing a scaled down budget for 1996, presented at the last NSC meeting. The proposed 1996 budget is \$535,000. This sum would provide for 100 interns to enter the program in 1996. AID is exploring \$450,000 in program funding from IFI. Commerce is reviewing its budget for \$85,000 to administer the 1996 program. AID has advised us that IFI staff is likely to propose to their board a \$225,000 program budget for calendar year 1996. The IFI board will meet September 22.

## **6. Technical Assistance for Community Organizations to Attract Investment**

Commerce has arranged for a small pro-bono mentor team, experienced in real estate and economic development, to advise community organizations in Belfast on the process of U.S. business site selection as well as how they may promote their areas for business investment. The group will be in Belfast September 5-8.

## **7. Business Information Center for Northern Ireland and the Border Counties of Ireland (NIBC)**

Secretary Brown announced this initiative in Belfast last December. The Center is operating as a fax-on-demand system (tel:(202) 501-7488) with over 200 reports available for distribution. We are handling about 50 inquiries a week.

Expansion to the Internet is being established via a home page which will contain most of the material on the fax system and will provide an interactive element for Northern Irish and Irish firms seeking U.S. business contacts. The Internet link should be operational this fall.

## **8. Alan Hevesi Proposal for Development Bank (not an active DOC effort)**

The NYC Comptroller's idea to establish an Irish Peace Bond coupled with a new development bank has been raised by DED in Belfast. They are interested in 20<sup>+</sup> year bond funding for major environmental projects. The Treasury Department did not support this idea.

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

Sir George Quigley, Chairman of Ulster Bank, is pursuing the establishment of a mentor program for small and medium sized businesses which need commercial bank loans. In conjunction with lending to small firms, there is a need to provide technical assistance in business management practices to certain companies. A/S Meissner will meet with Sir George Quigley during the October trade mission to discuss progress being made in this area.

**Distributed to:**

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1995

NOTE TO: JACK QUINN  
SUSAN BROPHY  
LUCY NAPHIN  
NANCY SODERBERG

FROM: KITTY HIGGINS

This might be an interesting visit. Kids from  
Northern Ireland (Catholic and Protestant) will be here this  
fall building Habitat houses in the metro area.

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## Habitat for Humanity International

Thomas L. Jones, Managing Director  
The Washington Office

Building houses in partnership with God's people in need

August 23, 1995

Ms. Katherine L. Higgins, Cabinet Secretary  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Kitty,

Enclosed is a letter to the President from Belfast Habitat for Humanity. I believe that this is a win, win, win for the President, for Habitat, and for peace in general in Northern Ireland. I would like to have a chance to make contact with the persons who will be doing the scheduling of the president in Belfast, if you think well of it. Could I lean on you once more as my mentor to suggest who that person should be?

Some of us have been promoting a visible sign of peace in Northern Ireland by the model that Peter Farquharson mentions in his letter. This would involve persons of every persuasion building Habitat Houses on the so called Peace Line — tearing down the walls and building integrated Habitat Houses. It could be a symbolic model to the whole world. And the President's support could be an impetus to really make it happen.

It looks as if the Irish work teams building Habitat Houses in this country this fall is going to be a huge success. I assume Carol and Tom Wheeler have kept you apprised of that.

Thanks again for the wonderful leadership you are giving.

Peace and Joy,

Thomas L. Jones

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## Habitat for Humanity Belfast

Building Houses, Building Community, Building Hope

17 August 1995

President William Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing on behalf of the Belfast affiliate of Habitat for Humanity to invite you to participate in a brief ground-breaking service at the site of our new project. It is situated in the Protestant Glencairn housing estate in West Belfast. It is widely known that you and the First Lady are supporters of Habitat in the US, and it would be fantastic if you could spare a little of your valuable time.

Our aim in Belfast is to rebuild community and restore hope through the building of houses with people in need. We are working at a grass roots level in both Catholic and Protestant areas of extreme urban deprivation with those who are marginalised in our society. We believe our work will contribute to the reconciliation of our divided city and therefore benefit the community of Northern Ireland as a whole.

On a Habitat work site Christian people, both Catholic and Protestant work together bridging barriers of religion, class and political belief, to help brothers and sisters in need of a home. The building of relationships across our communities is key.

The peace process has created a tremendous opportunity for Habitat as we work towards an integrated housing project, in an interface area, where Catholics and Protestants could live side by side. In these interface areas Protestants and Catholics are currently completely segregated and separated by walls built, at the request of both communities, for security. We believe the time has come for these walls to come down.

Your support at this time would help enormously to raise our public profile and open doors for us as we seek to do what we can to spread the word of God's love and hope to the people of Northern Ireland. Dr. Tony Campolo dedicated the site that we are currently working on during a visit to Belfast in March of 1994. He has been a wonderful advocate for the work of Habitat in Belfast and Ireland.

I have enclosed some details concerning Habitat Belfast. I hope that we will have the opportunity to meet with you during your visit.

Yours sincerely,

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