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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

FROM: NANCY SODERBERG

SUBJECT: November 4 Meeting with Congressman Manton et al.
on Irish Issues

November 4, 1993 5:45 pm
H-326 U.S. Capitol

ATTENDEES

Cong. Thomas Manton (D-NY)
Cong. Gary Ackerman (D-NY)
Cong. William Coyne (D-PA)
Cong. Eliot Engel (D-NY)
Cong. Hamilton Fish (R-NY)
Cong. Benjamin Gilman (R-NY)
Cong. Joseph Kennedy (D-MA)
Cong. Peter King (R-NY)
Cong. Robert Menendez (D-NJ)
Cong. Richard Neal (D-MA)
+ staff: Elaine Simek and Deborah Reilly

Anthony Lake
Nancy Soderberg

63 wrote on July 26, September 22, October 21
Met with Howard Paster on October 29

- JK: BC sense of what's right. Close relations with Britain, abandonment of sense of what it's like for Catholics in Northern Ireland; Catholics terribly discriminated against, British sided with Protestants; firms that hire very few Catholics; what's needed is standing up to persecuted minority; lost votes in NY with Dinkins - interviews with reporters saying he's ineffective.
- EE: Reagan and Bush were awful in Ireland; used to be the Fund wouldn't give Sinn Fein associated grants; it took us 5 years to change.
- Need to sit down w/Sinn Fein; don't fall back on State Department; no government to government talks.
- RN: TL's view on human rights shaped in Carter years. Rally in Lafayette park. Globe article on Unionists. Brits don't care about Irish, they listen to us. Allowed Ian Paisley to come to U.S. Brits told us to get out of Vietnam, Bosnia, why can't we tell them to get out of Ireland.

HF: Sorry I'm late - Brady bill just passed; Vice Consul in Dublin. Judicial study 20 years ago. VISA - just because don't like views.

GA: If we can have Sheik here, why not Adams. As far as we know, he's never blown up anything.

RM: Saw trial of 7 young boys throwing bombs; judicial status; judge and jury; need to exercise with friend and Joe.

British intelligence saying actively involved in support for terrorist acts - willing to testify under oath.

TL: BC has done something - not those you want - very engaged, shows caring. No, I've never been to Northern Ireland but I've read a lot about it, supported Hume-Adams talks, encouraged Jean's role in it could very well involve an envoy; \$ for fund.

Let's meet every other month.

Adams not decried for his views, not a consideration, not ordered personally, but he's integrated into IRA in a way that he's part of IRA that has carried out violence but that doesn't renounce terrorism. So long as information that clearly puts him into organization that has ties to terrorism, so long as he doesn't renounce, very hard to issue him a visa.

Terrorism, hide behind fine print. When I promised, Parliament, same thing that Mayhew says.

PK: Peter Robinson - loyalist, terrorist network.

JK: Hume met with Major; will Major include Adams in talks? Many feel over years Hume not gone far enough in reaching out to Sinn Fein. Good time for BC to say need to all be at table.

TL: Figure out a way to link Hume-Adams talks to Irish-British governments.

JK: Too vague, sounds like same old bullshit.

RN: Frustrated by intransigence of British gov't. Paisley said two years ago, it's going to get bad. Now indiscriminate.

EE: Special envoy - could be done to demonstrate different policy. Need tangible demonstration.

TL: At point that would make a difference in attitude of 2 parties, if disconnected from negotiations, would backfire.

EE: Seems afraid of British sensitivities.

PK: Need sense British in part responsible for problem.

GA: Glimmer of hope on envoy. Timeframe?

TL: They've not rejected it.

HF: Some would be here if not for terrorists. No Diplock judge should be given visa, too.

TL: Get intel name of Brits.

RM: Why does Paisley get visa?

Are we only going to do things that are going to work?

If trigger message is government's, trigger will never be pushed by Brits.

TM: You'd spend the least political capital Adams visa.

Michael Collins negotiated treaty. To say never talk to men of violence, will never lead to solution.

GA: If visa to Adams given serious consideration, if helpful to have us issue an invite in Congress, would do.

TL: Narrow gap between Northern Ireland and Middle East; we're working more on Amb. going to N.I. than in past; in 2 months will meet; not trying to say shouldn't be inclusive of Sinn Fein; Brits dismiss as not serious.

(Alleged British M-16 is Fred Holroyd)