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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ALEXANDER VERSHBOW *W*
FROM: MARY ANN PETERS *MP*
SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Daniel O'Kennedy

Attached at Tab I is your memorandum to the President forwarding a draft response to Daniel O'Kennedy, National President of the Irish American Unity Conference. O'Kennedy expresses concern about statements by State officials opposing a visa for Gerry Adams and accuses Executive Branch officials of acting on behalf of the British Government. (It is unclear exactly what he is referring to since State supported the Adams visa this time around.)

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Letter to Mr. O'Kennedy
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

SUBJECT: Letter to Daniel O'Kennedy

Purpose

To respond to a letter from Daniel O'Kennedy.

Background

Daniel O'Kennedy, National President of the Irish American Unity Conference, wrote expressing concern about statements by State Department officials regarding the issuance of a visa to Gerry Adams and requesting a statement of support for the MacBride Principles of fair employment.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Mr. O'Kennedy

Tab B Incoming correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. O'Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern about statements from Executive Branch officials who opposed the issuance of a visa to Gerry Adams, and requesting a statement of support for the MacBride Principles of fair employment.

In the aftermath of the recent IRA bombings in London and Sinn Fein's failure to condemn them, there were differing points of view within my Administration on whether to grant a visa to Gerry Adams. That is part of the healthy debate on policy issues that I encourage. I made the decision to issue a visa to Mr. Adams because I concluded that it was important for Mr. Adams to hear how anxious all Americans are for peace in Northern Ireland and for the IRA to reinstate the cease-fire. I believe he heard that message during his visit.

While I support the MacBride Principles, I am reluctant to impose additional regulatory or reporting burdens on companies investing and operating in Northern Ireland at a time when my Administration is attempting to reduce regulatory and other reporting requirements on U.S. companies generally. The anti-discrimination legislation already in effect in Northern Ireland is among the strongest in the world; its implementation is under independent review. U.S. companies, with considerable experience in equal opportunity employment, are among the best employers in Northern Ireland in terms of meeting the goals of fair employment.

As you know, my Administration actively supports efforts to promote trade and investment in Northern Ireland and the border counties as the best way to underpin a lasting peace.

Thank you for your support for my Administration's efforts to help bring about a just and lasting settlement in Northern Ireland. I remain confident that a way will be found to surmount the remaining obstacles to a comprehensive peace.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
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13 March, 1996

Dear Mr. President,

The Irish American Unity Conference is deeply concerned over statements and actions by officials of the Executive Branch of the United States Government which are in direct contrast to your stated policies towards Ireland and the Irish peace process. In particular, we are concerned about statements by State Department officials in opposition to the visa for Gerry Adams and in opposition to the MacBride Principles of Fair Employment which are contained in H.R. 1561.

Mr. President, we want you to know how much we appreciate all that you have done to promote peace in Ireland. In April, 1992, you pledged your support for the MacBride Principles at the Irish American Presidential Forum in New York. We now call upon you to keep that pledge and to clarify your position by issuing a clear statement of support for the MacBride Principles provisions of the bill, regardless of any other problems that you may have with this legislation.

We fully support the actions of Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith in support of your policy regarding the issuing of a visa to Gerry Adams, regardless of any issues of State Department protocol that may be involved. The actions by State department officials who have taken a pro- British and anti- Irish line on the issues of Mr. Adams visa and on the MacBride Principles should be disciplined. Only personal intervention by yourself enabled Mr. Adams to get the visa that made the current peace process a reality. Only through personal intervention on your part will any of the anti- Irish statements and actions by State and Justice Department officials be stopped.

Mr. President, you have done more to advance the cause of Peace in Ireland than any American President in modern history. Unfortunately, there are officials within the executive branch that are undermining your policies. These officials are acting on behalf of the British Government at American tax payers' expense and they must be stopped. We ask you to intervene personally to see that your policy on these matters is clear and in keeping with the promises that you made to us four years ago. We thank you for your time and consideration and we look forward to seeing you at the White House this weekend.

Sincerely Yours,

Daniel P. O'Kennedy
National President,
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Working For Peace With Justice In A United Ireland



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April 2, 1996

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ALEXANDER VERSHBOW *AV*
FROM: MARY ANN PETERS *MAP*
SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Dr. John Kelly

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum to the President forwarding a draft letter to Dr. John Kelly; Department of Political Science at Oakland University. Dr. Kelly wrote to the President regarding the Northern Ireland peace process and his ideas for achieving a permanent peace. He apparently met the President at a reception in Detroit.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab A Letter to Dr. Kelly
Tab B Incoming correspondence

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

SUBJECT: Reply to Letter on Northern Ireland

Purpose

To reply to a letter for Dr. John Kelly of Michigan offering ideas for the Northern Ireland peace process.

Background

Dr. Kelly wrote following a brief conversation with you in the receiving line at the March 4 VIP reception in Detroit. Your reply explains the current status of the peace process and assures Dr. Kelly of your continued support for the process.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Draft Letter to Dr. Kelly

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Dr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Northern Ireland peace process and your ideas for achieving a permanent peace.

My Administration continues to support strongly the efforts of the British and Irish governments and the Northern Ireland political parties to achieve a comprehensive settlement. The February 28 joint communique by Prime Ministers Major and Bruton, in which a firm date was set for all-party talks, has restored momentum to the search for peace. Those talks will have a comprehensive agenda aimed at reaching a settlement based on the principles laid out in the Joint Framework Document. I have called on the IRA will reinstate its cease-fire immediately, thereby allowing Sinn Fein to participate fully in the talks.

As you know, on March 21 the British Government announced that an election will be held on May 30 for delegates to a forum independent of the talks that begin June 10. I believe the full participation of all parties in all aspects of the process offers the best chance of creating a lasting peace.

Thank you for your continued interest and support. Please do not hesitate to share any further ideas on this subject. I welcome all contributions that may assist in resolving this long-standing problem.

Sincerely,

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March 11, 1996

President William J. Clinton
The White House
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Dear President Clinton:

You asked me to write you and I do so with great urgency since the consultations between all parties to the Irish peace talks are scheduled to be complete on March 13th.

First, I want to express to you again my thanks for your comments to me on issuing the visa to Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams. We discussed it briefly at the March 4th VIP reception in Detroit in the picture taking line. I hope you realize that Irish Americans know the peace negotiations have survived only because of the fortitude you displayed in keeping the issue a high priority at considerable political risk to yourself. History will reflect that you alone used Presidential capital to bring equality to the Irish side in negotiations with Britain over the future of the island.

I was present in Dublin at the Dail with the U.S. Congressional delegation for your speech last December and on the streets outside Trinity College. As one of your early supporters, and a lifelong student of the Irish question, please allow me to offer the following suggestions:

A new element should be injected into the consultation process through Ambassador Smith that could produce a second IRA cease fire. It should revolve around removing the Lilliputian strings that have constantly surfaced to stall the multi-lateral negotiations that must occur for production of a permanent solution. If it can be offered at this juncture of the consultations, it may contribute to a permanent formula for peace.

The major stumbling block to Sinn Fein's support of the talks is the integrity of the British commitment to actually entertain an all-Ireland solution to the present division of the island. This is highlighted by the U.K. parliament's imposition of a "Loyalist

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veto" on Irish reunification. The "veto" was imposed on the nationalist cause in retaliation for the Irish government's withdrawal from the British Commonwealth following World War II and it remains as a major irritant to the nationalist community. Under the Ireland Act of 1949, the British government guaranteed that northern Ireland would remain a part of the United Kingdom until its provincial parliament voted otherwise. The suspension of the Stormont parliament in 1972 converted the contingency of legislative assent into a requirement for a popular referendum in order to change the status of the six counties. Since it is unlikely that a Loyalist majority would vote itself out of union with the U.K., this procedural veto has been viewed from the Nationalist perspective as an intentional British escape hatch to avoid meaningful plenary negotiations.

Nationalists now perceive that the government of Prime Minister Major is further compounding the problem of the Loyalist veto with the precondition of May elections in Ulster. This new British precondition contains the unusual proposition that the U.K.'s negotiating responsibility on the future of northern Ireland be assigned to locally-elected delegates rather than Ministerial level diplomats. It is not illogical for Sinn Fein to believe that Loyalist delegates will be elected on a platform of maintaining the status quo, and protection by the Loyalist veto would allow them to be opposed to any form of compromise that would be required of all parties in a sincere dialogue. This seemingly intractable circumstance does present a unique opportunity, however, to reconfigure Prime Minister Major's proposal into a positive, strategic, electoral opportunity to advance the peace process.

The British government has declared that following close of consultations on March 13th, the U.K. government will propose legislation to authorize the May elections.

Only the President of the United States can suggest that the U.K. combine the legal purpose of the local elections for peace conference delegates with the referendum on the release of the six counties from the British constitutional union. If a majority of the electors in the six counties participate in the election of delegates their vote should legally empower the delegates to negotiate freely on the status of the province without having to go back to the U.K. parliament. The combined vote for delegates from all parties to the proposed intergovernmental peace conference should be counted as approving termination of the union if they equal 50.1%. The May elections would then be the equivalent of calling a constitutional convention and simultaneously construed as

the required Loyalist plebiscite on the status of the province. It should not rule out some newly proposed constitutional relationship with Britain, but, in the alternative it should also provide tacit approval for any new institutional framework that talks produced. Freed of this externally imposed veto limitation on their authority, the delegates so elected would be compelled to produce a complete agreement on all outstanding issues involving the two Irish communities. *... in spirit*

Elector's votes would in effect have three values in the peace process emanating from one plural vote. First, for the referendum on severing the constitutional linkage with Britain. Second, for the scope of the negotiators' authority to fashion any form of institutional arrangement the delegates may wish to democratically produce. Third, to select the constitutional convention delegates themselves, who would actually participate in the talks on the future status of the six counties in relation to the rest of Ireland.

The Irish government must assume some risk as well. Concurrent to the elections in the six counties, the 26 counties should be encouraged to elect their own delegates to participate in the intergovernmental conference on the future status of the island. Their election also, should have the triple meaning assigned to the delegates from the north. These delegates too should be construed as constitutional convention delegates free to produce an all-Ireland solution. Approval of delegates by a majority of the people in the Irish Republic should likewise suspend their constitutional, territorial claim to all 32 counties of the island. This will produce an equally high-risk factor to all parties concerned to achieve the maximum consensus.

In effect, the result could produce an all-Ireland constitutional convention between the two communities. They would be able to engage in a discussion of options to include a new federal state, reunification, power-sharing, ratification of the status quo, repartition, or any other form of consensus settlement.

Delegates from both North and South could meet in a single convention setting with British and U.S. observers. As official observers, British concerns over civil liberties for Irish loyalists could be addressed as well as U.S. concerns over the shadow of British duress on conference participants. The result would be the first equalized discussion on the constitutional solution for justice in Ireland since the 1916 war for

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for independence. All sides would share in equal risk and equal promise.

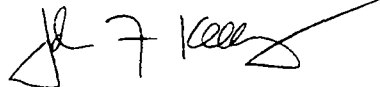
Extremists from both the nationalist and loyalist communities would take enormous risks in opposing such a proposal. If they boycott the elections they have no voice in the conference. If they participate, they have an irreversible hand in lifting the impediments to the all party talks and are left without an excuse for recrimination. The narrow slice of intercommunal peace advocates and electors would hold the balance of power in selecting delegates and all voices would be heard. Those who sit out the election would have no claim to challenge the process or advocate violence as an alternative.

I would very much appreciate the opportunity to explore this concept with your staff if you believe it represents a realistic option to overcome the Sinn Fein stumbling block on the negotiations process. As a U.S. Army Reserve officer with expertise on these matters, if I can be of assistance in the June 10th talks, I am requesting assignment to those efforts. I am enclosing my resume for your consideration if I can be of help to you.

Please advise me of anything else I can do to continue your great work. As 1996 progresses it is my hope that permanent peace in Ireland is one of the greatest accomplishments of your First Term. It goes without saying that it also would be a happy ending to the Irish quest for self-determination started over 80 years ago.

I remain committed to your Presidency and am prepared to do whatever is required.

Sincerely yours,



John F. Kelly

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March 11, 1996

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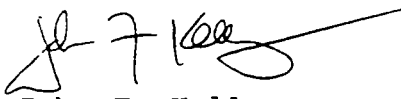
Dear Mr. Friendly:

I spoke with the President on March 4th in Detroit. It is imperative that he receive this letter immediately. The subject must be addressed before March 13th.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

SOMMERS, SCHWARTZ, SILVER
& SCHWARTZ, P.C.


John F. Kelly

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Father Helmick:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Northern Ireland peace process. I appreciate your continued interest and support for our efforts to help advance the process.

The President has strongly condemned the recent resumption by the IRA of its terrorist campaign with a series of bombs in London. The first event, which you mention in your letter, killed two and injured scores. The President has condemned the violence and lost no opportunity to call for an immediate restoration of the cease-fire.

Prime Minister John Major and Prime Minister John Bruton took a significant step to put the process back on track on February 28 with the announcement of a clear path to all-party talks starting June 10, once the cease-fire is restored. We remain in close contact with both governments and all the parties to support their efforts to achieve a just and lasting settlement.

The people of Northern Ireland have shown remarkable resilience in the face of this latest challenge to peace. They have not been intimidated by this new violence but instead rally in the streets to voice their opinion and demand their right to peace. We are confident that with their continued support the leaders of both governments are on the way to surmounting the remaining obstacles to peace.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Anthony Lake
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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January 26, 1996

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ALEXANDER VERSHBOW *AV*
FROM: MARY ANN PETERS *MAP*
SUBJECT: Letter to Mr. Thomas Hutchison McFadden

Thomas Hutchison McFadden wrote expressing his concerns about the Northern Ireland peace process and presenting proposals to help resolve these issues. Your reply to him is at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Mr. McFadden
Tab B Incoming correspondence

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. McFadden:

Thank you for your letter expressing your concerns about the Northern Ireland peace process and presenting proposals to help resolve these issues. I appreciate your support for the President's efforts to work for the cease-fire and encourage the British and Irish governments and the political parties to sit down together and negotiate a comprehensive settlement.

The momentum of the peace process in Northern Ireland must be maintained. We believe the recent report of the international body on decommissioning chaired by Senator Mitchell made a significant contribution to the peace process.

On our part, we continue to view our role as one of supporting and facilitating the process that the British and Irish governments and the people of Northern Ireland have set in motion. We remain in close touch with both governments and all the political parties to encourage creativity and flexibility in the search for peace. The President's recent visit to the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland demonstrated popular support for peace and underscored the President's support for the effort to find a just and lasting settlement to the conflict.

Thank you for writing and sharing your "brainstorming" with me. Your thoughts and support on this vital issue are important.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Anthony Lake
The White House
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By Fax

Dear Mr. Lake:

You are to be commended for your work for peace and justice in Northern Ireland. May I request your attention to these four pages (or at least the solution on page 3) respectfully submitted towards those same ends? Thank you.

I. INTRODUCTION.

This document suggests, despite its author's folly and presumption, a certain Irish-American Lawyer and Eastern Orthodox Theologian's all but guaranteed solution to the problem of arms decommissioning as a pre-requisite to all-party talks in Northern Ireland. It represents the activity and conversation of various parties and powers in Ireland, north and south, with whom its author has been in communication.

II. CERTAIN RELEVANT FACTS (At Least as They are Widely Perceived).

A. IRA and Sinn Féin Perspectives (Without Presuming Identification of Either Party with the Other).

The IRA, rightly or wrongly, sees itself as a community-serving, just descendent of a noble army properly committed to the return of all of the Irish people's own island from subjection to any imperialist occupation. The IRA, rightly or wrongly, sees the

British as an unjust, untrustworthy, foreign power, arming Loyalist death squads who, along with British soldiers and the RUC, kill their kinsmen and kinswomen, and who continue to occupy a gerrymandered part of an Ireland from which Britain partly retreated, under pressure, earlier this century, after centuries of oppressive occupation. The IRA, rightly or wrongly, sees British justice as exercised in a discriminating way to favor even soldiers like Private (now Corporal) Clegg, found guilty of murder and soon released (over U.N. objection), while regular false convictions of Republicans, and British sadism against them in prison, continue (along with ongoing nuclear pollution of the Irish Sea by the British).

B. British Government Perspectives.

The Government of Great Britain, rightly or wrongly, sees itself as the guarantor of order in Northern Ireland, having once taken the whole island, and now responsible to care at least for a Unionist community holding an electoral majority in the six out of the nine counties of Ulster that Britain retained upon her restoration of the rest of the Island to its own natural sovereignty earlier this century. The British Government, rightly or wrongly, thus sees herself as the force of law and order in Northern Ireland (and of course in the rest of Britain, where the IRA attacked until they declared their cease-fire almost 17 months ago) and the IRA as a band of well armed terrorists at odds with such principles of British rule.

C. Unionist Perspectives.

Unionist perspectives are at least, and probably more, difficult to sum up than those of the parties considered above, however briefly. Yet among the Unionists are a melange of concerns, justified or not (i.e., "right or wrong", to maintain the parallelism) about Catholic, Dublin or more Republican power-hungers; the protection of their kinsmen and kinswomen from IRA and other attack; and faithfulness to the Britain that has historically enriched them (though this faithfulness might fail, at least among some Unionists, despite their alleged "loyalty" to Britain, if Britain were to instruct Unionists to talk peace with non-decommissioned Republican parties already committed to talking peace). At least one part of the Unionist community, an admittedly relatively small block represented by, for example, the PUP (and associated with "terrorists" or "paramilitaries", according to how one wants to spin it), have argued publicly that the IRA should not have to surrender any arms before joining all-party peace talks. (E.g., PUP leader David Ervine in debate at Trinity College, Dublin, maintaining that only Sir Patrick Mayhew's "Washington 1 and 2" (but not 3) should pre-condition Sinn Fein involvement in all-party talks).

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III. THE SOLUTION

Suggest that the British and other powers set up all-party talks immediately upon the IRA's making a token surrender of arms - *not* to the British Government, a foreign power to whom the IRA cannot countenance anything like surrender - but to the PUP, or some such party of *fellow Ulstermen*, who do *not* require IRA arms decommissioning as a pre-requisite to talks. With such an approach, the IRA gesture would *not* be a surrender. For the British Government, who required an arms surrender (even a token, they have said) would receive *nothing* (by way of arms, though they would get yet another good reason to begin serious talks); and the handing of, say, a weapon from, for example, Gerry Adams to, for example, David Ervine (or maybe some comparable gesture by an IRA man or woman to some comparable party) would *not* be a capitulation, since such a receiving party never insisted, or even asked for, such a decommissioning gesture as a pre-requisite to talks. Indeed such a party had *opposed* the decommissioning pre-requisite to all-party talks. And there is no capitulation where one's offer comes independently of any request for such an offer. This would be more like a Sinn Fein affirmation of, for example, the PUP's sensibilities as to the narrow issue of decommissioning, other differences notwithstanding.

Such a pro-active IRA or Sinn Fein gesture would make plain their willingness to work things out with fellow Ulstermen. This is a pillar of the Republican position. The move could thus properly decentralize a British Government beleaguered by Northern Irish problems, a Government that few in any party in Northern Ireland really trust. It would show Britain and the world that the IRA is not a party that surrenders, but that leads the way to peace and reconciliation among Ulstermen and women in a progressive state properly marginalizing London. It would make less justifiable the Unionists' fears, or rhetorics thereof. And it would, like the cease-fire, demonstrate to all a good faith commitment to non-violent progress that should spur Unionists, the British Government, America and all concerned to urge with force that other parties, perhaps beginning with the recipient of the proposed IRA token - but in any event certainly the vast British military - outdo this second IRA initiated de-militarization of the whole situation in Northern Ireland.

Now, it might be unfair to expect the IRA to take the step I am proposing - especially if there is no iron-clad, enforceable guarantee that all-party talks would follow immediately upon its enactment. The IRA had reasonable grounds for understanding that all-party talks would have followed soon upon their paradigm-shifting cease-fire, without further conditions. As Britain has returned the cease-fire gesture not with all-party talks but with Clegg's release and sadism against Irish prisoners, it does appear that the IRA has already relied to its detriment upon Britain.

move of grace for the IRA. It would be an internationally cognizable case of the IRA going the extra mile (without, in this case, really losing anything). It would enable them

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to take the high ground as they did at the announcement of their cease-fire. I believe God will continue to favor these people if they make such a move. The British might be encouraged to welcome it on the grounds not only of its striking good faith but also as a sign that, as America has facilitated certain of Britain's moves, now it is facilitating an IRA move. It would seem only right and fair to promise Sinn Fein that, if the IRA take this initiative (Should they not be the party to announce it?), then surely at least the United States of America would find any further British resistance to all-party talks utterly unacceptable.

Afterword

These are seminal thoughts offered by one trying to glorify God, still idealistic (naive?) enough to ask, believe it or not, "not what my country can do for me, but what I can do for my country" (though admittedly I am not averse to receiving benefits from my country). You will be able to develop these thoughts and take them further, or dismiss them. This is not less than, but perhaps not more than, well meant brainstorming. But the solution suggested here will pay off.

I am a member of the State Bar of California and that of the United States Federal District Court for the Central District of California. I was trained as an undergraduate at Stanford and, after Law School, clerked for a Federal Judge, then worked for Rogers & Wells in Los Angeles and then for Skadden, Arps, *et al.* in London. I am now a Doctoral candidate in Theology (neither Roman Catholic nor Protestant, but Eastern Orthodox) at Oxford. I would very much like to be a part of anything America does *at any level in any regard* to foster peace and justice in Northern Ireland.

Thank you for considering the above and more generally the whole prospect of peace in Ireland. May God bless you in all things. May it be a good new year for you and yours.

Yours Sincerely,

Tim McFadden

Thomas Hutchison "Tim" McFadden

cc: Ms. Nancy Soderberg
Mr. George Mitchell

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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January 4, 1996

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ALEXANDER VERSHBOW *AV*
FROM: MARY ANN PETERS *MAP*
SUBJECT: Reply to Representative Kennedy on Technology
Trust Fund for Northern Ireland

Representative Kennedy wrote to the President before his trip to urge him to announce support for a "Technology Trust Fund" to encourage joint ventures between high tech firms in the U.S. and Northern Ireland. Lack of funding from the U.S., British and Irish governments caused the Trust Fund's proponents to scale back the proposal and seek International Fund for Ireland (IFI) funding for a pilot project instead. The draft reply from the President expresses his support for the IFI project, known as "RADIUS," and promises continued support for economic regeneration in Northern Ireland.

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Concurrence by: Bill Danvers

RECOMMENDATION

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
PATRICK GRIFFIN

SUBJECT: Reply to Representative Joseph Kennedy on
Technology Trust Fund for Northern Ireland

Purpose

To respond to Representative Kennedy

Background

Representative Kennedy wrote to urge that you announce support for the "Technology Trust Fund" concept during your visit to Northern Ireland. The proposal that Kennedy refers to proved impractical in its original form, but was eventually adapted and funded on a smaller scale by the International Fund for Ireland. Your reply to Kennedy expresses support for that project, known as "RADIUS," and promises continued support for economic regeneration in Northern Ireland.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the reply to Representative Kennedy at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Draft Reply to Representative Kennedy

Tab B Incoming Letter from Representative Kennedy

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Joe:

Thank you for writing about the concept of a "Technology Trust Fund for Peace" to help underpin the peace process in Northern Ireland. As you know, the Administration has supported the idea of encouraging joint ventures in the high technology sector in Northern Ireland, both to increase job opportunities there and to find appropriate partners for U.S. companies. I am pleased that the technology trust fund idea has been realized in the form of the International Fund for Ireland's new pilot program, called "Research and Development between Ireland and the United States" (RADIUS).

I appreciate your strong support for peace in Northern Ireland. I assure you that the Administration will continue to look for ways to support economic investment and job creation in Northern Ireland. We will also continue to support the International Fund for Ireland and its twin objectives of economic regeneration and reconciliation.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy II
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II
8TH DISTRICT, MASSACHUSETTS

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AND MEMORIAL AFFAIRS



Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-2105

October 20, 1995

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to commend you for your continued work to bring peace and social justice to all the communities of Ireland.

In the spirit of that commitment, your Administration announced its support in May at the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Northern Ireland for a "Technology Trust Fund for Peace."

As you prepare for your trip to Ireland next month, I respectfully urge you to formally announce your personal support of necessary funding for the initiative through U.S. commitments to the International Fund for Ireland.

We first discussed the idea for such an initiative in March, when I wrote you about the fund before testifying before the House International Affairs Committee hearing on Ireland. Since then, extensive discussions have taken place with the private business community, the Irish and British governments and a broad cross-section of the political parties on the island.

The idea has been well received because it offers the hope of generating jobs and economic opportunity for all the communities of Ireland. As you know, the fund is modeled on the successful Binational Industrial Research and Development Fund established between Israel and the United States, which has generated \$2.2 billion in exports since 1977 and spurred the development of a \$1.2 billion venture capital industry that never existed before.

On a parallel track, my good friend John Cullinane has been working with venture capital and high-tech experts here in the United States, Ireland and the United Kingdom to lay further groundwork for turning the fund into a "feeder" system that encourages joint ventures between Irish and U.S. companies.

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President Clinton
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At this critical time in the Northern Ireland peace process, a clear demonstration of our country's support for economically driven initiatives that fuel both cooperation and job creation on both sides of the border is important.

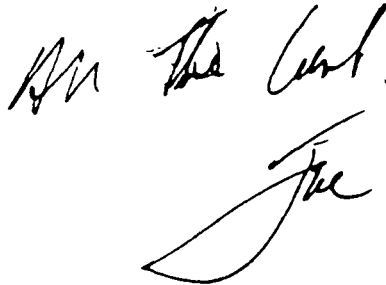
Strong support from the highest level of your administration to an initiative that has been endorsed across the political spectrum would send a powerful signal that our country is prepared to act in full partnership to turn the promise of peace into the reality of social and economic opportunity for all.

Once again, I want to commend you for your strong commitment to bringing peace to Northern Ireland, and I look forward to working with you to find new ways for the United States to promote trade, investment and job creation on both sides of the border.

Sincerely,


Joseph P. Kennedy II
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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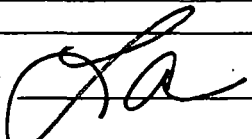
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 13, 1995

Dear Mr. McGrath:

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I am very pleased that the British and Irish governments reached agreements on a way to restore momentum to the peace process. On November 28, the two governments issued a joint communique launching a twin-track peace initiative involving an international body chaired by Senator George Mitchell to address the decommissioning issue and preparatory talks leading to all-party negotiations. In the communique, the British and Irish governments commit themselves to work toward all-party talks by the end of February 1996.

I traveled to Northern Ireland to show my personal support for the peace effort. The remarkably warm and enthusiastic reception extended to me and the First Lady was an unequivocal expression of the desire of the people of Northern Ireland for a lasting peace. I believe the twin-track approach offers the best basis for achieving that.

My Administration will continue to support the peace process in Northern Ireland and to urge all the parties to be open and flexible in pursuit of a just and lasting settlement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill Clinton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. John McGrath
Local Union No. 28
Sheet Metal Workers' International
Association
500 Greenwich Street
New York, New York 10013

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Mr. Tom Mooney
President
Cincinnati Federation of Teachers
Room 201
1216 East McMillan Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

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WASHINGTON

December 13, 1995

Dear Mr. Sweeney:

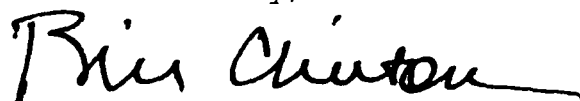
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Mr. John J. Sweeney
International President
Service Employees International
Union
AFL-CIO
1313 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 13, 1995

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Ms. Margaret Blackshere
Illinois AFL-CIO
55 West Wacker Drive
Suite 716
Chicago, Illinois 60601-1609

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 13, 1995

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Mr. Brian M. McLaughlin
President
Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO
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December 8, 1995

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

SUBJECT: Letters to American Union Leaders

Purpose

To respond to letters from American union leaders.

Background

A number of AFL-CIO-affiliate leaders wrote to you before your trip requesting that you put pressure on Prime Minister Major to call all-party peace talks in Northern Ireland. Our proposed replies (Tab A) describe the launch of the two-track approach and the impetus to the peace process provided by your trip.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Union leaders

Tab B Incoming correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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December 5, 1995

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ALEXANDER VERSHBOW *N*

FROM: MARY ANN PETERS *W*

SUBJECT: Presidential Letters to Union Leaders

Attached at Tab I is your memorandum to the President requesting that he sign letters to union leaders attached at Tab A. The leaders wrote urging the President to put pressure on the British Government to call all-party peace talks in Northern Ireland.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Letters to Union Leaders
Tab B Incoming correspondence

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We spoke earlier about this letter

Jodie - Could we

*please get a response
to this from you?*

Thanks.

Daniel/Tennifer

O'Connor office

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Central Trades and Labor Council
of Nassau and Suffolk Counties

October 11, 1995

Hon. William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Our union again calls upon your intervention in resuming peace talks between the Irish and British Government. You are the first President to achieve a political solution to the Irish conflict. I think your unprecedented work for peace will benefit your re-election.

For many months the British government has reneged on previous commitments and has stalled the talks. Many knowledgeable people fear that if the delay continues much longer, the ceasefires could break down and the hopes of the last two years could be wiped out.

It is imperative for the success of your trip and for the success of the peace process that as you get ready to leave for Ireland in late November, your Administration sees to it that a formula is found to end the "decommissioning" stalemate, and a date is set for talks which can lead to political progress and a just and lasting peace.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Cleary
President

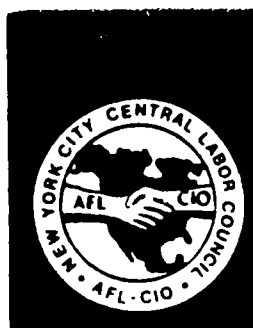
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✓ cc: Mr. Harold Ickes, Deputy Chief of Staff

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November 1, 1995

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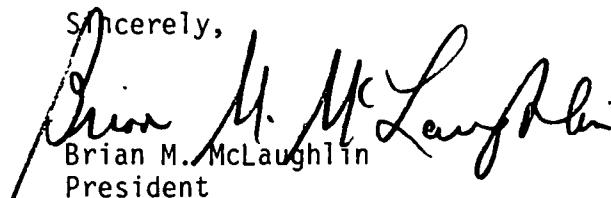
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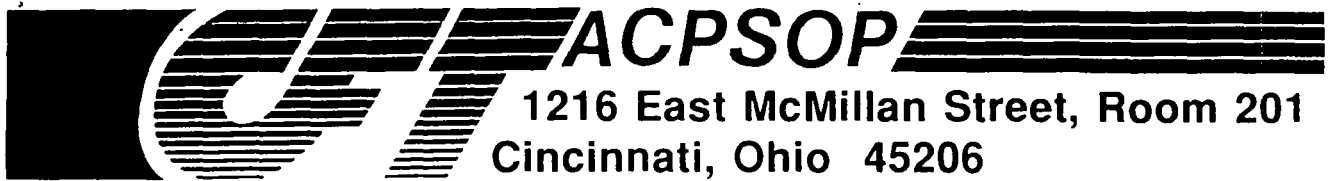
As a union leader and supporter of your Administration, I have welcomed your role in encouraging all parties to the Irish conflict, in your words, "to take risks for peace." You are the first U.S. President to actively try to achieve a political solution to the Irish conflict. Your intervention has helped enormously. I think your unprecedented work for peace will benefit your re-election drive. I, myself, have just returned from Ireland and met with all of the negotiators in the "peace process".

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Sincerely,


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President



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November 6, 1995

Hon. William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As President of the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Vice President of the American Federation of Teachers and a Bill Clinton delegate to the 1992 Democratic Convention, I am very proud of your role in supporting and promoting the peace process in Northern Ireland. Your efforts to bring all parties to the negotiating table and to allow US citizens access to all points of view have made all the difference. Having followed events in Ireland for many years, I truly believe there would not be a cease fire and real hope for a peaceful resolution without your involvement.

Unfortunately, the British government continues to stall and resist convening all party settlement talks. It is unlikely that the cease fires will hold unless talks begin.

Please continue your active role in the peace process and step up the pressure on John Majors to "take risks for peace" as so many other world leaders have done in recent years.

Fraternally,

Tom Mooney
Tom Mooney, President

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October 16, 1995

Hon. William J. Clinton
The White House
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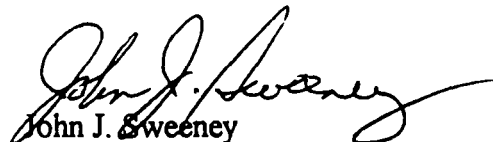
Dear Mr. President:

Your welcome greeting to Pope John Paul in Newark was excellent. The reference to peace throughout the world was an important message. You made us proud.

It is in that spirit that I have welcomed your role in urging the parties to the Irish conflict to take risks for peace. Your intervention in trying to achieve a political solution to the Irish conflict is courageous.

However, the British Government seems to be reneging on previous commitments and stalling the talks. I urge you to prepare for your trip to Ireland to reactivate the process that can lead to a just and lasting peace.

Sincerely yours,


John J. Sweeney
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JOHN McGRATH
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October 24, 1995

Honorable William J. Clinton
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Dear Mr. President:

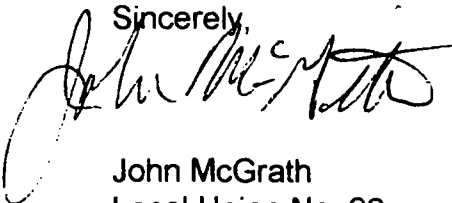
As a Union leader and supporter of your Administration, I have welcomed your role in encouraging all parties to the Irish conflict, in your words, "to take risks for peace." You are the first U.S. President to actively try to achieve a political solution to the Irish conflict.

I am the Grandson of a Belfast man, who was forced from his home land because of his religious beliefs. A man forced to leave his wife and children to come to our great country, where he worked to save the money to bring his family to him. I believe he was a very lucky man, but we both know of many more who are not so lucky, and we know of those who do not want to leave the land of their birth.

For many months, the British government, reneging on previous commitments, has stalled the talks. Many knowledgeable people fear that if the delay continues much longer, the cease fires could breakdown, and the hopes of the last two years could be wiped out.

It is imperative for the success of your trip and the success of the peace process, as you get ready to leave for Ireland in late November, your Administration sees to it that a formula is found to end the "decommissioning" stalemate, and a date is set for talks that can lead to political progress and a just and lasting peace.

Sincerely,



John McGrath
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October 11, 1995

Hon. William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As the Secretary-Treasurer of the Illinois AFL-CIO and one of your strong supporters, I want to express my gratitude for your role in encouraging all parties to the Irish conflict to seek a resolution to this serious problem.

As the first U.S. president to actively try to find a political solution, you have demonstrated your commitment to a peaceful Ireland. Without a doubt, your help has forced the parties to begin to move toward a successful conclusion. There is no doubt that this unprecedented effort to achieve peace will benefit your campaign.

Unfortunately, the British governments has stalled the talks. Many informed people are fearful that if this delay continues the ceasefires will halt and all of our hopes will be abandoned.

Please do not let this happen. As you prepare to visit Ireland, it is critically important that your administration create a formula to end the "decommissioning" stalemate. It is equally important that a date is set for talks that can lead to political progress and a permanent peace.

This is not an easy task, but as you once stated, we must all be willing "to take risks for peace." I urge you to continue to do so.

Sincerely,

Margaret Blackshere
Secretary-Treasurer

16 November, 1995

Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. President:

Central to the functioning of any democracy is a respect for basic civil liberties and political rights. Amnesty International believes that it is the continued abrogation of these basic rights that has played a central role in the conflict in Northern Ireland. As you prepare for your upcoming visit to the United Kingdom and Ireland, Amnesty International, together with other members of the international human rights community, express sincere hopes that you will give expression to the centrality of human rights in the peace process.

The pace of events in Ireland that began to unfold in the summer of 1994 gives hope that political movement on the constitutional question will continue. Yet as commentators have observed, issues of social justice in Northern Ireland are intertwined with the constitutional question and indeed may very well be one and the same. Any attempt to address Northern Ireland's constitutional status must be coupled with a recognition that in order for a peaceful and lasting solution to occur, human rights must be respected. Yet despite a cease-fire by both republican and loyalist paramilitaries, the abrogation of basic human rights and civil liberties continues. These include:

- * the continued use of plastic bullets. According to the RUC, 279 plastic bullets have been fired since the beginning of the cease-fires in August 1994 until August of this year. Ostensibly the use of plastic bullets is limited to riot control, however since 1969 seventeen people have been killed by plastic or rubber bullets; many of these have been children;
- * trial without jury under the Diplock Courts system;
- * denial of prompt access to legal advice for detainees in the Castlereagh holding centre;
- * ill treatment of detainees in holding centres by police officers. While Amnesty International acknowledges that complaints have decreased, in 1994 there were 140 formal complaints of assault lodged against the police. In addition to complaints of physical assault, Amnesty has received numerous complaints of verbal and psychological abuse as well as threats of violence;

- * continued abrogation of the right of an accused to remain silent during interrogation or trial without negative inferences drawn;
- * prolonged detention without a judicial hearing. In continuing this practice, the United Kingdom has derogated from provisions of both the European Convention on Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

As the demilitarization of the situation in Northern Ireland continues, we call on the government of the UK to rescind draconian emergency legislation currently in operation and strengthen domestic law to comply with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and other international human rights standards. Specifically we strongly urge:

- * the repeal of all emergency legislation;
- * restoration of the rights to silence;
- * the establishment of normal policing and police procedures and the termination of all covert operations;
- * the abolishment of special Diplock Courts;
- * the end to extended detention periods;
- * the closure of all holding centres;
- * the introduction of a comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation; and
- * a fair review of all cases sentenced by Diplock Courts.

Mr. President, your contribution to the peace process in Northern Ireland has been invaluable. However, whilst the violence in Northern Ireland has ebbed, it has been replaced by a cold and fragile peace. We believe that in order to secure a lasting peace, respect for human rights are central and, therefore, Amnesty International respectfully requests that the human rights and civil liberties concerns we have outlined are raised during the course of your meetings with appropriate government officials.

Sincerely yours,



James O'Dea, Washington Office Director
Amnesty International USA

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From: The Office of Nancy Soderberg

To: Jim Lyons

Agency:

Fax Number: (303) 623-9222

Date/Time: 17 November 95 ; 5:40pm

No. of pages to follow: 1

Message:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

17 November, 1995

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES LYONS

FROM: NANCY SODERBERG ^W

SUBJECT: Proposed International Fund for Ireland Statement

1. Below is the proposed IFI insert.

"The United States has been a strong supporter of the International Fund for Ireland since its creation almost a decade ago. I am confident the Fund will continue to meet its twin objectives of promoting economic regeneration and reconciliation, which are so important at this time of hope in Northern Ireland."

-- WILLIAM J. CLINTON --

2. Please call if I can provide any additional assistance.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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December 21, 1995

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

FROM:

MARY ANN PETERS *MAP*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Reply to John Cullinane

In connection with the White House Trade and Investment Conference held in May, John Cullinane came up with the idea of applying the "BIRD" technology transfer concept that has been successful in Israel to Northern Ireland. What eventually came out of his efforts, and Commerce's, is a new project funded by the International Fund for Ireland, called RADIUS. FYI: Cullinane was reportedly very disappointed that he was not included on the President's trip.

On December 8, Cullinane sent a memo to the President describing a meeting between Sinn Fein representatives and officials of the Industrial Research and Technology Unit that he says resulted in eight new jobs in West Belfast. While that is not strictly accurate (it turns out the jobs at the "Manufacturing Technology Partnership" will probably be filled by staff of the partnership's sponsoring organizations), the anecdote does demonstrate that Sinn Fein is willing to engage with government organizations of behalf of its constituency.

The President asked for a reply to Cullinane.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Suggested Reply to Cullinane

Tab B Incoming Memo from Cullinane

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

SUBJECT: Reply to Memo from John Cullinane on Impact of New
Science and Technology Program

Purpose

To respond to Cullinane.

Background

John Cullinane sent you a memo on December 8 describing the positive first-time meeting between a group of Sinn Fein representatives and officials of Northern Ireland's Industrial Research and Technology Unit (IRTU) in connection with the International Fund for Ireland's new project to encourage investment in high technology, RADIUS. RADIUS grew out of Cullinane's suggestion to apply to Northern Ireland the "BIRD" technology transfer concept that has been successful with Israel.

While the eight jobs Cullinane refers to may not be filled by new local hires, his anecdote does indicate that Sinn Fein is prepared to engage constructively with government bodies to advance its constituents' economic interests.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the reply to Cullinane at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Suggested Reply to John Cullinane

Tab B Incoming Memo from Cullinane Unit

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear John:

Thank you for your memo of December 8 bringing to my attention the positive fallout from the International Fund for Ireland's new RADIUS program. I know that program grew in large measure out of your efforts to enhance cooperation with Northern Ireland in the science and technology area, and I want to thank you for your commitment to economic regeneration there.

I certainly enjoyed hearing about the successful first encounter between Sinn Fein representatives and officials of the Industrial Research and Technology Unit (IRTU). Thank you for keeping me informed.

Sincerely,

Mr. John J. Cullinane
The Cullinane Group, Inc.
20 University Road
Cambridge, MA 02138

The Cullinane Group, Inc.

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John J. Cullinane
President

THE PRESIDENT HAS SENT
12-13-95

TELEFAX

TO: The Honorable William J. Clinton
FROM: John J. Cullinane
DATE: December 8, 1995
SUBJECT: Northern Ireland

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Do not let me to sign
to John -
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Frank Costello told me a story that I am sure you would like to be aware of.

Sinn Fein representatives, led by City Councillor Máirtín O'Muilleoir, in the interest of securing participation in the RADIUS Program for West Belfast, visited IRTU Headquarters located in Lisburn, outside of Belfast. They had never visited the town in their lives and certainly not IRTU. I understand that they were cordially received by the IRTU people who took the time to explain what they did at IRTU. Apparently, Sinn Fein representatives visiting IRTU was quite a momentous occasion for the IRTU as well.

The Sinn Fein representatives came back with a commitment of eight jobs for West Belfast. They were feeling quite good about their efforts. Eight jobs may not seem like a lot but, in many ways, the communication leading to the jobs is a major beginning, and just a week after you left Belfast.

Frank and I feel good that all the work that went into RADIUS on our part and the Commerce Department (Chuck Meissner and Virginia Manuel) has actually produced immediate and very meaningful results. Of course, these efforts could never have been undertaken without your support of peace in Northern Ireland.

JJC/mb

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 13, 1995

Dear Mr. Cleary:

Thank you for your letter on the Northern Ireland peace process and for your kind words about my efforts to support the process.

I am very pleased that the British and Irish governments reached agreements on a way to restore momentum to the peace process. On November 28, the two governments issued a joint communique launching a twin-track peace initiative involving an international body chaired by Senator George Mitchell to address the decommissioning issue and preparatory talks leading to all-party negotiations. In the communique, the British and Irish governments commit themselves to work toward all-party talks by the end of February 1996.

I traveled to Northern Ireland to show my personal support for the peace effort. The remarkably warm and enthusiastic reception extended to me and the First Lady was an unequivocal expression of the desire of the people of Northern Ireland for a lasting peace. I believe the twin-track approach offers the best basis for achieving that.

My Administration will continue to support the peace process in Northern Ireland and to urge all the parties to be open and flexible in pursuit of a just and lasting settlement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. Robert J. Cleary
President
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1500 Broadway, Room 2011
New York, New York 10036

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

February 20, 1996

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ALEXANDER VERSHBOW *AV*

FROM: MARY ANN PETERS *MAP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to John Cullinane, President
of The Cullinane Group

Attached at Tab I is your memorandum to the President forwarding a suggested response to a letter from John Cullinane, President of The Cullinane Group. Mr. Cullinane wrote to the President suggesting that Israel could play a positive role in the peace process in Northern Ireland.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Letter to Mr. Cullinane
Tab B Incoming correspondence

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

SUBJECT: Reply to Message from John Cullinane

Purpose

To respond to a faxed message from John Cullinane on the Northern Ireland peace process.

Background

John Cullinane sent you a message before the breakdown of the cease-fire suggesting that Israel could play a positive role in the peace process in Northern Ireland. Your reply acknowledges that we have drawn on the Middle East experience in seeking a way forward in spite of the resumption of violence.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Cullinane at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Draft Response to Cullinane

Tab B Incoming correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear John:

Thank you for your message on the peace process in Northern Ireland. I appreciate your suggestion that perhaps Israel could serve as an example for Northern Ireland. In fact, we are drawing on the experience of the Middle East peace process as we support efforts to move forward in spite of the IRA's resumption of violence. I have also asked my staff to review whether Israelis could help directly, in some way.

The Administration remains in close touch with the Irish and British Governments and the parties as they work to restore the cease-fire and find a just and lasting peace. We are committed to helping them achieve that goal.

Sincerely,

Mr. John J. Cullinane
President
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TAB B

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John J. Cullinane
President

MEMORANDUM

TO MTD
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TO: The Honorable William J. Clinton

FROM: John J. Cullinane *JJC*

DATE: February 12, 1996

SUBJECT: The Peace Process in Northern Ireland

I wonder if the Israeli's could play a positive role in the peace process in Northern Ireland? This past Saturday, I met with Dan Vilenski, Director of the Israeli BIRD. As a result, he is anxious to engage in joint ventures with Irish, Israeli, and American high tech companies. He has a number of reasons why he wants to do this that are very important to the Israeli BIRD's future. I will be working closely with him over the next year to accomplish this end.

Also, I have heard from other Israeli's about their interest in establishing closer links with Ireland. I don't know if this has anything to do with the problem in Lebanon where Irish soldiers, under the United Nations, were killed by Israeli's in the Israeli/Palestinian War, or not. Of note is that the former President of Israel is from Belfast. Since the Israeli's were able to work out a peace plan with Yasir Arafat, this would be a powerful argument to convince David Trimble to agree to let Gerry Adams participate in all party talks. While David Trimble is very obstinate, he is also very bright. Since it is obvious that John Major is kept in power by David Trimble, etc., and is doing their bidding, maybe this approach, or some variation, might work.

JJC/mb
cc Nancy Soderberg