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May 25, 1995

TL:

The President plans to meet privately in the Blue Room with a very small group prior to WH reception for Irish Conference with:

Deputy PM & FM Dick Spring
SecState for Northern Ireland Sir Patrick Mayhew
and Mrs. Mayhew
Irish Ambassador Dermot Gallagher & Mrs. Gallagher
British Ambassador Sir Robin Renwick
& Lady Renwick
US Ambassador to Ireland Jean Kennedy Smith
US Ambassador to UK William Crowe
Senator George Mitchell
Secy of Commerce Ron Brown

You have been asked to join and arrive at 4:30 pm;
THE PRESIDENT WILL ARRIVE AT 5:05 PM.

You are scheduled to meet with Leon Fuerth, Sandy Vershbow, Nelson Drew & Sandy Berger at 4:30 pm. I can push your 4:00 pm & your 4:30 pm back by 15 minutes.

This would ensure you have enough time on BOSNIA and you could walk over to Blue Room with The President.

✓ Move schedule back 15 minutes

✓ 25 mins is enough time for BOSNIA mtg

____ Ask Nancy Soderberg to do BLUE ROOM w/POTUS

she should join

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P/ KOHL PHONE CALL ALSO AT 4:30 PM

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From: Darby, M. Brooke
To: @CROSS - Cross Hatches
Cc: /N, NonRecord at A1
Subject: Ireland Conf. [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Thursday, May 25, 1995 7:50AM

Handy number for next 2 days: State Control Room at Ireland Conference: 745-2169/2172 (best way to reach Martha Pope, among others)

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TELEFAX

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

FROM: **John Cullinane**

DATE: **May 17, 1995**

SUBJECT: **Binational Industrial Research & Development Foundation (BIRD)**

I am attaching for your information a copy of the deal colleague letter which Congressman Joseph Kennedy and Congressman James Walsh have sent to their colleagues in the House of Representatives as part of a bi-partisan effort in support of a BIRD-like initiative for Ireland. This represents an important development since, in addition to Congressman Kennedy's steadfast support, Congressman Walsh is also the head of the "Friends of Ireland" group in the Congress.

You will please note that their letter seeks a one-time only $5 million contribution by the United States in helping set up a BIRD-like technology fund for Ireland in partnership with the Irish and British governments and the European Union.

JJC/mc

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20 University Road Cambridge, MA 02138 617/499-2724 617/497-6890 FAX

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 17, 1995

Dear Colleague:

We are writing to ask your support of legislation creating the U.S.-Ireland Technology Fund. This fund would help all of Ireland reap the benefits of the peace dividend by stimulating job growth and assisting U.S. companies in developing and introducing new products.

The U.S.-Ireland Technology Fund would be created by an endowment from the U.S., the United Kingdom, Ireland and the European Union. The Fund would finance up to 50 percent of the costs to launch new products developed throughout the island. The funds are paid back once the products are developed and brought to market.

The concept is modeled on a 14-year old venture between Israel and the United States called the Bilateral Investment Research and Development Fund (BIRD). BIRD has resulted in $2 billion in high-tech exports from Israel and a related $1.2 billion venture capital industry. To date, U.S. companies, through partnerships with Israeli firms, have successfully brought to market a number of new technologies, particularly in the software field. The island of Ireland, with its highly educated workforce and improving business climate, is a promising place for developing new products -- and, as a result, bringing jobs and entrepreneurial skills to Ireland and benefits to American companies.

To make the U.S.-Ireland Technology Fund a reality, we are proposing a commitment of $5 million from the annual appropriation to the International Fund for Ireland to be set aside for the endowment. Equal commitments are being sought from the United Kingdom, Ireland and the European Union.

As the peace process moves forward, it is vitally important that every effort be made to encourage the creation of an entrepreneurial spirit in all the communities of Ireland. The U.S.-Ireland Technology Fund helps to nurture that spirit by offering seed capital to develop new products. We hope you will join us in supporting this exciting proposal to allow U.S. firms to assist the people of Ireland to seize the peace dividend and gain control of their economic destiny.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Kennedy II
Member of Congress

James T. Walsh
Member of Congress

Hawkins, Ardenia R.

From: Stephens, Kathleen D.
To: Hawkins, Ardenia R.; @CROSS - Cross Hatches
Cc: /R, Record at A1; @EUROPE - European Affairs
Subject: Updated fact sheet [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, May 17, 1995 1:58PM

Here's the updated fact sheet on N. Ireland with Nancy's changes.

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ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT FOR PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

"A just and lasting settlement that respects the rights and traditions of the two communities in Northern Ireland is, after so many years of bloodshed, finally within reach."

President Clinton
December 1, 1994

The transformation of Northern Ireland over the past two years has been extraordinary: the region is enjoying a peace unknown in a generation, there is new hope for economic revitalization, and the British and Irish prime ministers are deeply committed to working closely together with the people of Northern Ireland to reach a lasting, democratic political settlement. From the beginning of his Administration, President Clinton has been deeply engaged in supporting the search for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. And the results have been impressive.

For the first time, a U.S. President is seriously engaged in supporting the peace process: the Clinton Administration was the first to put International Fund for Ireland (IFI) funding in the budget it sent to Congress and is now proposing an increase in funding to help consolidate the peace. The Administration has reached out to a broad spectrum of views in Northern Ireland, including with the granting of a visa to Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams in January 1993, a decision which helped bring about the IRA cease-fire. The Administration has also deepened and broadened its dialogue with the Unionist community, both through inviting leaders of all political parties in Northern Ireland who have renounced violence to the March 17, 1995 White House St. Patrick's Day reception, and through meetings betweem the Vice President, the National Security Advisor and other key Administration officials and the Unionist and loyalist leaders. Equally important, the President has made clear time and again his active commitment to supporting the joint efforts of the Irish and British governments to bring about an end to violence and promote a lasting political settlement.

Following the declaration of cease-fires by the IRA and loyalist paramilitaries in August and October 1994 respectively, the President in November set forth a number of initiatives to increase U.S. support for the political and economic revitalization of Northern Ireland and the border counties of the Republic including:

-- President Clinton appointed former Senator George Mitchell as Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State for Economic Initiatives in Ireland. Senator Mitchell is leading the efforts of all U.S. government agencies

promoting economic development in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland.

-- the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland, scheduled for May 24-26 in Washington, D.C.,

-- increased funding for the International Fund for Ireland to total $60 million over the next two years, and

-- new and expanded efforts by the Department of Commerce, USIA and the National Endowment for Democracy to seize the opportunities presented by peace. As part of the initiative, Commerce Secretary Ron Brown led a delegation of U.S. business leaders to the British government-sponsored Belfast Investment Conference and to Dublin in December 1994.

Americans have deep ties of kinship, culture and history with the United Kingdom and Ireland. U.S. interests also flow from our commitment to a peaceful, democratic and prosperous Europe and to the protection and enhancement of human rights throughout the world. The Administration will continue to be actively engaged in supporting the extraordinary opportunity for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland that now exists.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1995

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

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

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

SCOPE MEMORANDUM

SCHEDULE OF KEY EVENTS

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

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

OVERVIEW

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

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

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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

YOUR OBJECTIVES

- Highlight to American business leaders the improved opportunities for trade and investment in Ireland created by peace.

- Underscore the critical relationship between economic hope and political progress, between investment and fair employment, and between jobs and peace.

- Remind the disparate political and community leaders present at the Conference of their shared interest in fostering increased trade and investment in their communities, and encourage them to work together on these issues.

- Reach out to the Unionists represented at the Conference, assuring them of our commitment to a just settlement in Northern Ireland that enjoys the support and democratic consent of both communities.

- Advance our economic initiatives in Ireland, making clear the deep and abiding commitment of the Administration to supporting peace and economic progress.

BACKGROUND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- Your intention to visit the UK and Ireland later this year (if you approve);

-- George Mitchell's continuing as Special Advisor for Economic Initiatives in Ireland (Mitchell has committed to staying at least until the end of 1995; his office at the State Department will be staffed and engaged on this issue at least through 1996);

-- A renewal of your commitment to increase U.S. funding for the International Fund for Ireland in FY96 and 97 (although in the current climate on the Hill IFI we may have to settle for retaining the $19.6 level of recent years);

-- Our proposal to the IFI that they establish a Technology Trust Fund for Peace, inspired by John Cullinane's idea of a BIRD-type program which would support R&D joint ventures;

-- A number of new Commerce Department programs, including a new management intern program bringing Northern Ireland and border counties managers to work in U.S. firms, a new Business Information Center for Northern Ireland and the border counties accessible by 24-hour flash-fax, and a permanent Commerce Department presence in Belfast;

-- Several new USIA, SBA, USDA and other agency initiatives, including increased exchanges and grants for Northern Ireland projects;

-- A hoped-for signing of a joint communique on tourism cooperation between the U.S., Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

-- A number of follow-on trade missions.

VISAS

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

EVENTS

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

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

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

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

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

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

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

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

Welcome: Senator George Mitchell
Invocation: Cardinal Daly and Reverend Dunlop
Remarks: Ronald H. Brown, Secretary of Commerce
Keynote: Vice President Al Gore

THURSDAY, MAY 25

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

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

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

Mr. William Farley, CEO, Fruit of the Loom
Mr. William Flynn, Chairman and CEO, Mutual of America Life Insurance Company
Mr. Donald Keough, Chairman and CEO, Allen & Company
Mr. James Lyons, U.S. Observer, International Fund for Ireland

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

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

Senator George J. Mitchell
Ronald H. Brown, Secretary of Commerce
Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State

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

11:30 a.m. Break

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

Introduction by: Jean Kennedy Smith, U.S. Ambassador to Ireland
Remarks: Dick Spring, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs
Introduction by: William J. Crowe, U.S. Ambassador to the U.K.
Remarks: Sir Patrick Mayhew, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

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

Business Partnerships
Tourism
Food Industries
Information Technologies
Community Development

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

FRIDAY, MAY 26

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

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

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

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

Manufacturing
Tradable Services
Employment
Business Partnerships

PULL-ASIDES WITH NORTHERN IRELAND POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS

CONTEXT OF MEETING

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

CORE POINTS

UUP Deputy Leader Ross

-- We regret that your party leader Jim Molyneaux decided not to attend the Conference.

-- We concur with his desire to have the emphasis of the Conference remain on business, but we were looking forward to a substantive exchange of views with Mr. Molyneaux on the peace process.

-- We strongly endorse your party's dialogue with John Hume and the SDLP. That dialogue is an important part of the process.

-- Inevitably, any lasting settlement in Northern Ireland will have to have the full support of the two largest parties. The more you can work together, the greater the prospects for genuine agreement and reconciliation.

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

-- This Conference only marks the beginning of our efforts to promote business interest in Northern Ireland.

DUP Deputy Leader Robinson

-- We are sorry that Dr. Paisley decided not to attend the Conference. As Northern Ireland's leading vote-winner, he has an important role to play in the peace, political and economic processes.

-- This Conference only marks the beginning of our efforts to promote business interest in Northern Ireland.

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

SDLP Leader John Hume

-- We strongly support the separate dialogues that your party is holding with the UUP and the DUP. That dialogue is a critical part of the peace process.

-- Any lasting settlement will have to have, at minimum, strong support from the main parties representing both traditions.

-- We hope you will continue to urge Sinn Fein not only to discuss arms decommissioning seriously, but to begin some actual decommissioning as early as possible. This would be the single most important step in moving the peace process forward.

-- This Conference only marks the beginning of our efforts to promote business interest in Northern Ireland.

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

Alliance Party Leader John Alderdice

-- We have great respect for the important role your party has played in bridging the two traditions in Northern Ireland.

-- We hope you will continue to urge Sinn Fein and the loyalist parties not only to discuss arms decommissioning seriously, but to begin some actual decommissioning. This would be the singlemost important step in moving the peace process forward.

-- This Conference only marks the beginning of our efforts to promote business interest in Northern Ireland.

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

Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams

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

Government Officials and Political Parties at the White House Conference

Northern Ireland

Government Officials

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

Ulster Unionist Party (UUP)

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

Democratic Unionist Party (DUP)

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

Social Democratic Labor party (SDLP)

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

Alliance

John Alderdice, Leader
Sean Neeson
Geraldine Rice
Peter Osborne

Ulster Democratic Party (UDP)

Gary McMichael
John White

Progressive Unionist Party (PUP)

David Ervine

Sinn Fein

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Workers Party

Tom French

Democratic Left

Seamus Lynch

Leading Government Officials

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

Labour

Deputy Michael Bell
Senator Ann Gallagher
Senator Sean Maloney

Fine Gael

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

CONTEXT OF MEETING

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

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

YOUR OBJECTIVES

-- **Urge the British and Irish to continue to work together closely and to keep their disagreements private.**

-- **Disucss your possible visit to the United Kingdom and Ireland later in the year, as well as a possible stop in Northern Ireland.**

CORE POINTS

-- Both of your governments have made courageous efforts to achieve peace in Northern Ireland.

-- Job creation through trade and investment is the key to cementing the cease-fire and giving people an interest in maintaining peace.

-- This Conference is only the beginning of our efforts to attract business to Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland. Senator Mitchell and his staff intend to continue working with the Commerce Department to follow up on the Conference.

-- We will continue to push Sinn Fein on decommissioning.

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PRESS Q'S AND A'S

OVERVIEW

-- Want to draw your attention to this week's White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland, May 24-26, which is a high point in the Administration's sustained efforts to support peace, reconciliation and economic revitalization in Ireland.

-- Americans have deep ties of kinship, culture and history with the United Kingdom and Ireland. U.S. interests also flow from our commitment to a peaceful, democratic and prosperous Europe and to the protection and enhancement of human rights throughout the world. The Administration is actively engaged in supporting the extraordinary opportunity for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland that now exists.

-- The transformation of Northern Ireland over the past two years has been extraordinary: the region is enjoying a peace unknown in a generation, there is new hope for economic revitalization, and the British and Irish prime ministers are deeply committed to working closely together with the people of Northern Ireland to reach a lasting, democratic political settlement.

-- From the beginning of my Administration, I have been deeply engaged in supporting the search for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

-- The Clinton Administration was the first to put International Fund for Ireland (IFI) funding in the budget it sent to Congress, and is now proposing an increase in funding to help consolidate the peace.

-- The Administration has reached out to a broad spectrum of views in Northern Ireland, including with the granting of a visa to Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams in January 1993, a decision which helped bring about the IRA cease-fire.

-- The Administration has also reached out in an unprecedented way to leaders of Northern Ireland's unionist and loyalist communities. The Vice President and the National Security Advisor have met several times with leaders of the largest Unionist party and the Administration has reached out to parties associated with loyalist paramilitaries who have renounced violence.

-- I have made clear time and again my active commitment to supporting the joint efforts of the Irish and British

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

-- Following the declaration of cease-fires by the IRA and loyalist paramilitaries in August and October 1994 respectively, in November 1994 I set forth a number of initiatives to increase U.S. support for the political and economic revitalization of Northern Ireland and the border counties of the Republic:

- I appointed former Senator George Mitchell as Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State for Economic Initiatives in Ireland. Senator Mitchell is leading the efforts of all U.S. government agencies promoting economic development in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland;

- This week's White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland;

- Increased funding for the International Fund for Ireland to total nearly $60 million over the next two years; and

- New and expanded efforts by the Department of Commerce, USIA and the National Endowment for Democracy to seize the opportunities presented by peace. As part of the initiative, Commerce Secretary Ron Brown led a delegation of U.S. business leaders to the British Government-sponsored Belfast Investment Conference and to Dublin in December 1994.

SPECIFIC Q AND A:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Q: Wasn't progress on decommissioning a condition of letting Adams fundraise? The IRA still hasn't given up any weapons.

A: -- As we said when Adams was granted his last visa, we welcomed Sinn Fein's expressed readiness to engage in a serious discussion of decommissioning with the British government. We believe the participation of a British minister in the talks marks a step forward. We expect Sinn Fein will take a serious and positive approach to the decommissioning issue as these talks continue.

Q: Will direct aid be discussed and/or considered by the conference? Will Secretary Brown's economic strategy paper address the issue of aid to Ireland? Will there be an increase in the amount of funds provided to the International Fund for Ireland?

A: -- The conference will focus on opportunities for the private sector to pursue mutually beneficial business development, especially in and with Northern Ireland and the six border counties of Ireland.

-- Secretary Brown's economic strategy paper will present in some detail the initiatives that U.S. federal government agencies will carry out or support after the conference.

-- The Administration will work hard to obtain Congressional approval for increased funding for IFI. This funding is vital to support the IFI in undertaking initiatives needed to consolidate the gains of peace in Northern Ireland and the border counties, and to build cross-community economic and political cooperation. Our budget request is for $29.6 million each in FY 96 and FY 97.

Q: What will be accomplished by this conference?

A: -- We want American companies to take a close look at business possibilities in Northern Ireland and the six border counties of Ireland. Peace opens new avenues of commerce; increased business development can help alleviate the conditions that have bred violence in the past.

Q: How were the participants chosen? Are the political parties (Gerry Adams) invited to participate? What is their role? Are religious leaders invited to participate? What is their role?

A: -- A wide variety of sources, including the British and Irish governments, our Embassies in Dublin and London as well as our Consulate General in Belfast, and numerous non-government and business organizations and individuals were consulted in developing the broadly representative list of invitees to the conference.

-- A wide range of manufacturers and service providers potentially interested in the region as a base for operation in the European Union have been invited.

-- Representatives of political parties from United Kingdom and Ireland will be present at the Conference.

- Political parties will have no formal role at the conference.

-- Leaders of the four principal faiths in Northern Ireland and Ireland are invited to the Conference. They have been invited to deliver invocations during the Conference.

Q: How does this conference follow up on your announcement of November 1?

A: -- The White House statement "Supporting Peace in Northern Ireland" launched an effort to encourage business development, especially in the areas most affected by violence over the past twenty-five years. The Conference is intended to be a milestone in this sustained endeavor.

Q: Is this a political conference or solely a business conference?

A: -- Representatives of political parties are welcome at the conference, but this is emphatically a business conference.

-- We anticipate that the representatives of political parties in attendance at the conference will do their best to demonstrate the increased attractiveness of Northern Ireland and the six border counties of Ireland as places to do business.

Q: What will the economic strategy paper include? Will there be any follow-up to the conference?

A: -- The economic strategy paper will provide an overview of the economies of Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland and offer some thoughts about the commercial potential of the region. It will also

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

Q: Who pays for the conference?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- Perhaps most importantly, the conference offers an opportunity to make new contacts and renew old ones, contacts that could promote mutually profitable business development.

Q: Will there be additional tax incentives discussed at the conference?

A: -- The Industrial Development Board (IDB) of Northern Ireland and the Industrial Development Agency (IDA) in Ireland offer differing, but highly attractive packages, including substantial tax breaks, to potential investors.

-- The conference will offer ample opportunity to explore the tax advantages available to investors. For example, IDB and IDA will participate in the Business Partnership breakout session which will be held on both May 25 and May 26.

Q: Won't job creation in Ireland take jobs away from Americans here at home?

A: -- More business development, including increased trade, should create new jobs on both sides of the Atlantic. Establishment of a business base in the region should provide new access to EU markets for U.S. companies and thus increase the prospects for sales of U.S.-made goods and services.

Q: The EU is second to the U.S. as a contributor to the International Fund for Ireland, but money available from EU regional funds substantially exceeds the resources available to IFI. Isn't it more likely that EU firms rather than U.S. companies will get contacts?

A: -- EU funds are primarily aimed at infrastructure projects. Recent agreements on government procurement will permit American companies, on a case-by-case basis, to bid on such projects.

Q: Will there be any additional incentives considered for businesses already invested in Ireland?

A: -- Both IDA and IDB offer attractive incentives to foreign businesses considering new investments and/or expansion of current operations in the respective areas of responsibility of these two economic development organizations.

Q: Will discussion of community development include infrastructure?

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

CONFERENCE INITIATIVES

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SUPPORTING PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND:

THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVES

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

Presidential Visit to Ireland and the United Kingdom [Tentative]

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

Office of the Special Advisor for Economic Initiatives in Ireland

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

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

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

Science and Technology Cooperation

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

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

U.S. Trade and Development Agency

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

United States Information Agency Programs

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

The Export-Import Bank of the United States

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

U.S. AID

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

U.S. Department of Agriculture

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

Tourism Cooperation

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

SBA

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

National Endowment for Democracy

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

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

OPIC

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

Follow-on Trade and Investment Missions

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

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

Nongovernmental Efforts

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

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

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STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT CLINTON

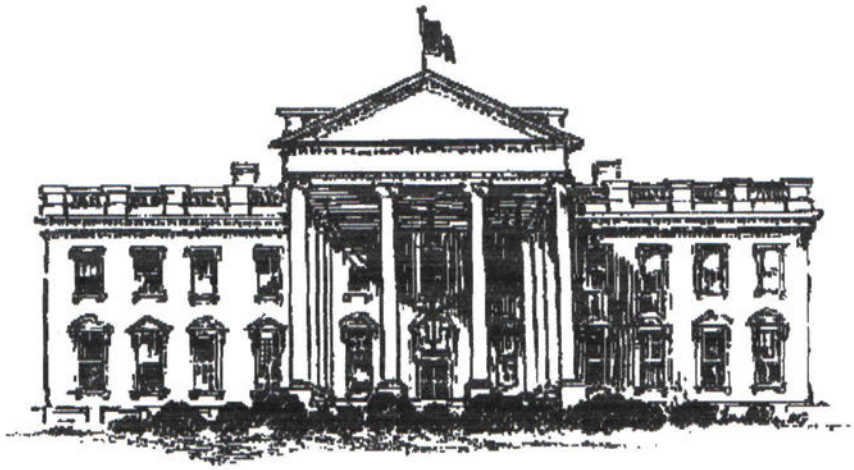
I would like to extend a warm welcome to all those attending the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland. This Conference is unique in the history of U.S. relations with Ireland and with the United Kingdom. It aims to show U.S. companies that sustained peace is dramatically improving business opportunities on the island of Ireland, particularly in Northern Ireland and the border counties. I want to urge American businesses to get in on the ground floor of these new opportunities. The Conference underscores my strong commitment to increase U.S. support for the economic revitalization of Northern Ireland and the border counties.

The guns and bombs have been silent for more than eight months in Northern Ireland. The benefits of peace are obvious to all on the ground in Northern Ireland, and indeed throughout Ireland and Britain. A return to the violence of the past quarter-century would be unacceptable. Among the greatest long-term benefits of peace are enhanced economic growth, fair employment and a shared prosperity. These elements go hand in hand, each buttressing the other. It is our hope that by encouraging trade and investment in Northern Ireland and the border counties, this White House Conference will also bolster the peace process.

Because the goal of strengthening the peace in Northern Ireland is a high priority of my Administration, I asked Senator Mitchell to take on this important task as Special Advisor to the President and Secretary of State for Economic Initiatives in Ireland. We are confident that a close examination of the investment climate in a peaceful Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland will convince growing numbers of American companies of the merits of doing business in these areas. Already there are more than 40 U.S. companies represented in Northern Ireland and over 400 in the Republic. Such investment, combined with sustained momentum for fair employment, is key to building a prosperous future for all the citizens of Northern Ireland. And as the region flourishes, the foundation of peace will extend and deepen.

We also see this Conference as an important opportunity for community development organizations and other private sector groups to share ideas and experiences with similar organizations in the United States on working together to rebuild communities and create jobs. Such partnerships can and do create an attractive investment climate.

The Conference underscores my Administration's strong commitment to promoting trade and investment between the United States and the island of Ireland, especially Northern Ireland and the southern border counties. This and other efforts to encourage business development will help to cement the peace of the last eight months. Future generations will hold us accountable for how we have managed this opportunity for a lasting peace in Northern Ireland. Working together, we can help the people of this troubled region begin a new peaceful era in their long and proud history.



THE WHITE HOUSE

To: Nancy Soderberg Date: 5-22-95

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Please see attached information regarding the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland. Any questions, please call Erin O'Connor at 456-2097.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INVITED TO THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND

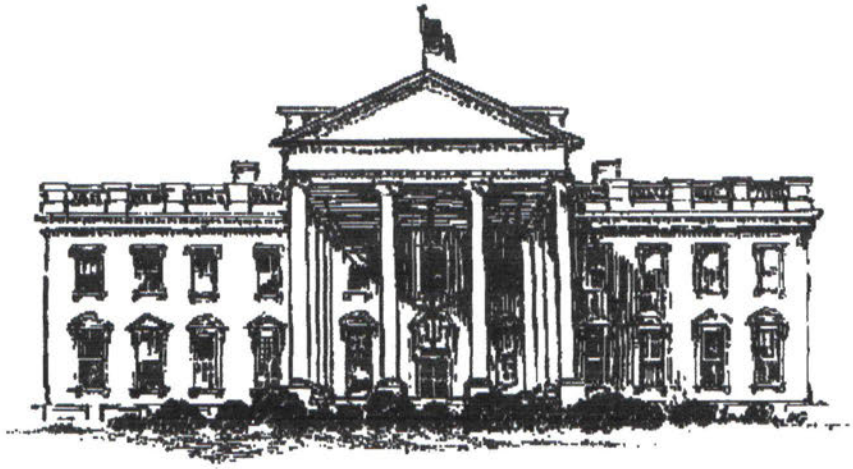
Last week, Secretary Ron Brown and Senator George Mitchell invited you to join them for the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland on May 24-26 in Washington. If you have not yet responded, please do so no later than Tuesday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m. by calling Erin O'Connor at 456-2097. If you plan on attending the White House reception, you must RSVP by calling the White House Social Office at 456-7787.

In order to attend Conference events, you must have a credential badge. Credential badges can be picked up at the Conference Registration beginning Wednesday, May 24. Registration is located in the Foyer of the Sheraton Washington Hotel, located at 2660 Woodley Road, N.W. Registration hours are as follows:

Wednesday, May 24	12 noon - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 25	7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

There will be a separate registration table for U.S. Government Officials. Please note that credential badges will be available for invited guests only. Also, attendance at the White House reception is for invited guests only.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Erin at 456-2097. Thank you in advance for your participation.



THE WHITE HOUSE

To: Nancy Soderberg

From: DIGIACOBBE_M

Date: 5-16-95

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events in schedule

May 15, 1995

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of President Clinton, I would like to invite you to participate in the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland, to be held in Washington, D.C., May 24-26, 1995. This conference, focusing on Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland, will provide critical support and encouragement toward building a lasting peace in the region. The peace and reconciliation process now underway will dramatically improve opportunities for job growth and economic prosperity. With American businesses on the ground floor of these new opportunities, the United States and the peace and reconciliation process will benefit.

We are inviting business and government leaders from the region and U.S. business, political, labor and community leaders to participate. The Conference will provide a unique forum for representatives from both sides of the Atlantic to strengthen their commercial ties through a discussion of economic opportunities.

We would like you to help represent the Administration at this important Conference and are hopeful that you will be able to attend one of the Conference functions. Enclosed please find a Conference agenda. To RSVP and obtain further information, please contact Erin O'Connor of the White House staff at 456-2097. When responding, please specify which function(s) you plan to attend.

Thank you and we look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Brown
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce

George J. Mitchell
Special Advisor to the President for
Economic Initiatives in Ireland

Enclosure

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND

Sheraton Washington Hotel
2660 Woodley Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

AGENDA

MAY 24 WEDNESDAY

12 noon Registration Opens

7:00 p.m. Opening Reception

8:00 p.m. Dinner Gala

Senator George J. Mitchell

MAY 25 THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. Registration Opens

7:45 a.m. Breakfast

CEOs from U.S. companies with experience in Ireland

Question and answer session

10:00 a.m. Plenary Session

Senator George J. Mitchell

Secretary of Commerce, Ronald H. Brown

Secretary of State, Warren M. Christopher

11:00 a.m. Address by President Clinton

12:30 p.m. Luncheon

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dick Spring

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

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Sir Patrick Mayhew

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

2:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions

- Business Partnerships
- Tourism
- Food Industries
- Information Technologies
- Community Development

4:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions end

5:30 p.m. Reception at the White House

MAY 26 FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

Commissioner of the European Commission, Monika Wulf-Mathies

Minister for Enterprise and Employment, Ireland, Richard Bruton

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Northern Ireland Office (Economic Development and Agriculture), Baroness Denton

10:00 a.m. Breakout Sessions

- Business Partnerships
- Manufacturing
- Tradable Services
- Employment

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12 noon Buffet Lunch

2:00 p.m. Conference ends

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from:	Richard J. Hughes
date:	May 2, 1995
re:	USDA Deliverables to Ireland Conference
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NOTES: The USDA projects aren't exotic but they have a grass roots appeal in rural areas. The major change from the paper left with Kathy yesterdy has been with the rural environment project. We have selected a university specialist to lead the team.

While in Dublin, I have meetings to discuss clearance of the pending MOU with Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry. Maybe a miracle will happen before the 25th. Secretary Glickman is to meet on May 12 with the new Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Ivan Yates. I'll try my best to get them to agree on IPR.

See you on the 15th. By the way we hope that Commerce will allow USDA to moderate the food industries break-out session. My boss is Irish and knows may business types. He was the Director of the

Department of Agriculture for the State of Massachusetts and is a farmer.

USDA DELIVERABLES TO THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will dispatch this summer three short-term scientific and technical exchanges to Ireland on rural development, food safety and rural environment. Specialists from the United States will work with counterparts from the border counties, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The exchanges will be funded under the nine-year program on Agricultural Cooperation with Ireland. It is anticipated that the exchanges will lead to other activities in fiscal year 1996.

The project on rural development will involve specialists from USDA, the Rural Development Council of Northern Ireland, the Queen's University, various technical colleges and the Agriculture and Food Development Authority of the Republic of Ireland. Obligated funding: $5,000.

The exchange visit on food safety will involve the visit of a USDA specialist from the Agricultural Research Service Western Regional Research Center. He will consult with the National Food Center in Dublin with visits to various food manufacturers/processors in border counties on both sides of the border. Obligated funding: $5,000.

The project on rural environment will involve the visit of a University of Delaware specialist on water quality to meet with scientists on both sides of the border to examine areas where phosphorus is causing major problems in rural farming communities, particularly in Counties Monaghan and Cavan. Obligated funding: $5,000.

USDA will also discuss with the Irish Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry ways to increase participation in the Agribusiness Internship Program which is designed to develop long-term linkages through people-to-people ties and to promote U.S. competitiveness abroad by exchanging students interested in careers in agribusiness. USDA will work with AMBIT to provide students from Ireland and the United States with first-hand experience in international business.

USDA will work the Department of Commerce to promote agribusiness opportunity missions to help U.S.businesses form linkages with Irish firms under the USDA program on agricultural science and technology and agribusiness development.

Richard J. Hughes, USDA Liaison for the Joint Program on Agricultural Cooperation with Ireland will visit Dublin and Belfast, May 3-12, 1995. During his visit he will meet with officials from the Irish Department of Agriculture and the Attorney General's Office to discuss ways to clear the pending Memorandum of Understanding on Agricultural Cooperation.

CONTACT: Richard J. Hughes
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Foreign Agricultural Service
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WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON
BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator George J. Mitchell
Jonathan Sallet
Chuck Meissner

FROM: Marilyn DiGiacobbe

THROUGH: Alexis Herman

DATE: April 12, 1995

MEETING: Briefing for Washington representatives of U.S. companies on the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, April 13, 1995
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 474 (The Indian Treaty Room)
Old Executive Office Building.

PARTICIPANTS: 60 - 70 representatives of U.S. companies, whose company President or CEO has been invited to attend the May Conference. Also attending are representatives of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Manufacturers, the Northern Ireland - U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the British - American Chamber of Commerce.
See attached list of attendees.

PURPOSE: To layout the goals of the Conference and its role in U.S. policy toward promoting sustained peace in Ireland. This meeting is meant to encourage U.S. businesses to participate in the May Conference.

BACKGROUND: The briefing is part of our pre-Conference outreach strategy to encourage U.S. businesses to participate in the May Conference. It is one of a series of briefings planned to help spread the word and encourage U.S. businesses to participate. The Inter-Agency Conference Planning Team is scheduling similar briefings in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, New York and possibly San Francisco in the next few weeks.

Presidential invitation letters have been sent to the President or CEO of each of the companies represented at this meeting. The audience is

primarily Government and International Affairs Representatives for major U.S. companies interested in attending the Conference. Some are currently doing business in Ireland, others are interested in pursuing the market.

AGENDA:	Alexis Herman	Welcome and Introduction of Senator Mitchell
	Senator Mitchell	Remarks (An overview of the U.S. role in the Irish peace process and the significance of economic development to its success.)
	Jonathan Sallet	Remarks (Emphasis on how the changing business climate in Ireland is leading to a substantial increase in trade and job opportunities for U.S. business. Highlight on key business sectors.)
	Chuck Meissner	Remarks (Walk through the elements of the Conference agenda, highlighting the chance to examine new business opportunities and matchmaking opportunities.)
		Question and Answer Session
	Alexis Herman	Closing Remarks

Attachments:

List of participants
Copy of the briefing invitation letter
Copy of President Clinton's Conference invitation letter to U.S. business

cc: Susan Brophy, White House
Kate Carr, White House
Nancy Soderberg, NSC
Kathy Stephens, NSC
Martha Pope, State
Gail Dobert, Commerce
Peter Hale, Commerce

Attendees

Kenneth Woodcock
AES Corporation

Julie Rabinowitz
American Home Products

Gail Berry West
Armstrong World Industries

Alexa Maros
Howard E. Woolley
Bell Atlantic

William E. Wickert Jr.
Bethlehem Steel Corporation

Randall Roa
Burns & Roa Enterprises

James. Carroll
COMSAT

Robert A. Liberatore
Chrysler Corporation

Tony Culley Foster
Northern Ireland- U.S. Chamber of Commerce

David K. Diebold
British American Chamber of Commerce

Mary Elizabeth Piccione
Delta Airlines, Inc.

Gary I. Friend
Dun & Bradstreet

William R. Sweeney
EDS

Michael G. Flint
Flint, Poston & Assoc.

Burke Riely
Janet G. Mullins
Charles D. Becher
Ford Motor Company

Rajendra Bery
Foster Wheeler/Corp

Pamela Ng
Hallmark Cards, Inc.

Richard Hesse
Harza Engineering Company

Joseph Mark Hassett
Hogan & Hartson

Howard Pyle
Houston Industries

Susan K. Bunning
IMCERA

Dennis W. Thomas
International Paper

Nicholas Glakas
ITT Corporation

Russell Pearson
JC Penney Company

John J. Stirk
Litton Industries

Janice Zarro Wood
Mallinckrodt Medical, Inc.

Eddie Darnell Evans
Marion Merrell Dow, Inc.

Greg Dole
McDonnell Douglas Corp

Lisa Pavlock
McGraw Hill, Inc.

Mario Marcich
National Association of Manufacturers

David Lambert
New York Stock Exchange

Charles Kinney
Northern Telecom Inernational

Donald R. Duncan
Phillips Petroleum Company

Jim Liman
Pratt & Whitney

Patt Hall
Rockwell International

Michael Andrews
Salomon, Inc.

Richard J Kinney
Schering-Plough Corporation

Albert Baker Knoll
Sun Company

Daniel J Donaghue
Stone & Webster

Albert Barbero
Sunstrand Corp

Michael Kostiw
Texaco, Inc.

Carol Anne Melton
Time Warner, Inc.

Lew Cramer
US West, Inc.

John W. Rauber, Jr.
Union Camp

James H. Lemon
United Technologies

Michaela Platzer
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Bob Frenzel
UPS

Robert Ian Butterfield
Westinghouse Corp.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1995

Dear Friend:

Recently the President or CEO of your company was invited by President Clinton to participate in the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland to be held in Washington, D.C., May 24-26, 1995. This Conference is part of the Administration's Economic Initiatives for Ireland, in which we are promoting trade and investment, and the creation of new jobs as ways of helping to build the infrastructure of peace in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland.

U.S. companies such as yours, companies from Ireland and the United Kingdom, and government leaders from the U.S. and the region will come together at this Conference to examine new opportunities in a variety of business sectors.

I would like to invite you to attend a White House briefing to learn more about this Conference. The briefing is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 1995 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., in Room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building. Guests must arrive at the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance to the Old Executive Office Building at 2:00 p.m. with valid photo identification.

Senator George J. Mitchell, Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State for Economic Initiatives in Ireland as well as White House and Department of Commerce officials will be on hand to discuss the goals of the Conference and provide further details on the Conference agenda.

Please RSVP by calling (202) 456-5174 by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11. Please provide your full name, company and date of birth. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn DiGiacobbe at (202) 456-2930.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Sincerely,

Alexis M. Herman
Assistant to the President and
Director, Office of Public Liaison

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 28, 1995

COPY

Dear Joseph:

I would like to invite you to join me at the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland, to be held in Washington, D.C., May 24-26, 1995. This conference will show U.S. companies how progress toward a lasting peace is dramatically improving business opportunities in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland.

At this hopeful moment, it is essential to create economic opportunity in a region of great potential now emerging from a generation of conflict. One of the most important ways we in the United States can help ensure that peace takes root is to promote trade and investment, particularly in Northern Ireland and the border counties of the Republic, which have been most affected by the violence. This conference is a critical component of our Economic Initiatives for Ireland.

We are inviting business and government leaders from the region and U.S. business executives to participate. The conference will provide a unique forum for companies from both sides of the Atlantic to strengthen their commercial ties through a discussion of new economic opportunities.

The United States is the island's single largest foreign direct investor, with more than 200 companies currently doing business there. With sustained peace taking hold, the possibilities for expanding trade and investment are growing. Together, we can work to help build the infrastructure of peace.

You will soon receive complete registration information. I hope that you will be able to join me for this exciting conference.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR
TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND

Focusing on Northern Ireland and the Border Counties of Ireland

Date: May 24 - 26, 1995

Location: Sheraton Washington Hotel
2660 Woodley Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Registration: Additional information and registration materials will be mailed shortly by the Business Council for International Understanding, the nonprofit conference co-organizer. The packet will include further information from Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown and Senator George J. Mitchell, Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State for Economic Initiatives in Ireland.

Inquiries: Mr. Peter Hale
Director, Office of Policy Coordination
International Trade Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230
Phone: (202) 482-5341

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April 19, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR MARTHA POPE

FROM: MARILYN DIGIACOBBE

SUBJECT: SUBMISSIONS FOR DOMESTIC NON-BUSINESS INVITATION LIST, WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND

Attached please find a list of individuals for invitation to the upcoming Conference. As requested, I have kept this list small -- 42 total. It concentrates on Irish-American activists, local elected officials, and the labor community; those who we will get the most political benefit from including in the Conference.

In addition, please find a recommended Philadelphia delegation list from Mayor Rendell. If possible we should allow Mayor Rendell to invite the entire delegation. Once we decide on the number, Marsha Hale can notify Mayor Rendell and make appropriate arrangements.

The Congressional list has already been provided by Susan Brophy.

Please provide on disk your domestic non-business invitation names so that the Presidential invitation letters can be generated and mailed. (If you would like, I can work off of the book which Nedra Overall provided last week.) The Congressional list and Mayor Rendell's list will be handled separately and should not be merged in with your other names.

As I mentioned earlier, I have kept our list very small. I am sure we may have missed some individuals. I will do a thorough check and most likely provide some additions next week. If we decide to go larger, there certainly is no lack of names from which to choose.

If you have any questions please call me at 456-2721. As always, thank you.

cc: Alexis Herman
Susan Brophy
Jonathan Sallet
Nancy Soderberg

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND
DOMESTIC NON-BUSINESS INVITATION LIST – FIRST CUT

Eamon
Mr. Eamon Kelly
President
Tulane University
New Orleans, LA 70118
Category: academia

Tom
Mr. Tom Conaghan
President
Federation of Irish American Societies of the Delaware Valley
Philadelphia, PA
Category: community

John
Mr. John V. Connorton, Jr.
Hawkins, Delafield, and Wood
NY
Category: community

Frank
Mr. Frank Costello
11 Rustlewood Road
West Roxbury, MA 02132
Category: community

Patrick
Mr. Patrick Doherty
Director, Investment Responsibility
New York City Comptroller's Office
1 Centre Street
Room 729
New York, NY 10007
Category: community

Michael
Mr. Michael Donlon
Committee of New Ireland
c/o 294 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108
Category: community

Larry
Mr. Lawrence Downes
President
Brehon Law Society
New York, NY
Category: community

Frank
Frank Durkan, Esquire
O'Dwyer and Bernstein
52 Duane Street
New York, NY 10007
Category: community

Bill
Mr. William J. Flynn
Chairman
National Committee on American Foreign Policy, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10103
Category: community

Bill
William Hughes, Esquire
3507 Newland Road
Baltimore, MD 21218
Category: community

Joe
Mr. Joseph Jamison
Research Director
New York AFL-CIO
Irish American Labor Coalition
200 Park Avenue South, Room 1109
New York, NY 10003
Category: community

Richard
Richard Lawlor, Esquire
Irish Northern Aid
40 Russ Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Category: community

Bill
Mr. Bill Lenahan
Assistant Director
Irish-American Labor Coalition
200 Park Avenue South
Room 1109
New York, NY 10009
Category: community

Bob
Dr. Robert Linnon
National President
Irish American Unity Conference
529 14th Street, NW
Suite 837
Washington, DC 20045
Category: community

Ed
Mr. Edmund E. Lynch
National Coordinator
Lawyers Alliance for Justice in Ireland, Inc.
445 East Main Street
Denville, NJ 07834
Category: community

Leo
Hon. Leo McCarthy
former Lt. Governor
State Capitol, Room 1114
Sacramento, CA 95814
Category: community

Father McManas
Father Sean McManus
President
Irish National Caucus
413 East Capitol Street, SE
Capitol Hill
Washington, DC 20003
Category: community

Bruce
Hon. Bruce Morrison
Chairman
Americans for a New Irish Agenda
2 Whitey Avenue
Suite 700
New Haven, CT 06510
Category: community

John
Mr. John Moylan
Chairman
American Irish Alliance
2985-24th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94132
Category: community

Paul
Hon. Paul O'Dwyer
O'Dwyer and Bernstein
52 Duane Street
New York, NY 10007
Category: community

Brian
Brian O'Dwyer, Esquire
Chairman, Emerald Isle Immigration Center
O'Dwyer and Bernstein
52 Duane Street
New York, NY 10007
Category: community

Paul
Mr. Paul Quinn
Category: community

George
Dr. George D. Schwab
President
National Committee on American Foreign Policy, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10103
Category: community

Ed
Mr. Edward J. Wallace
National President
Ancient Order of Hibernians
536 Theresa Street
Clayton, NY 13624
Category: community

Michael
Mr. Michael Whouley
Dewey Square Group
1 Beacon Street
Suite 1320
Boston, MA 02108
Category: community

Honorable William M. Bulger
President
Massachussetts State Senate
Office of the Senate President
State House
Boston, MA 02133
Category: elected official

Honorable Joseph Crowley
New York State Assemblyman
Room 641 LOB
Albany, NY 12248
Category: elected official

Richard
Honorable Richard J. Daley
Mayor
City of Chicago
121 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60602
Category: elected official

Tom
Honorable Tom Hayden
California State Senate
P.O. Box 942848
Sacramento, CA 94248
Category: elected official

Tom
Honorable Thomas Hynes
Assessor of Cook County
118 North Clark Street
Room 314
Chicago, IL 60602
Category: elected official

Dan
Honorable Daniel C. McElhatton
Member, Philadelphia City Council
City Hall
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Category: elected official

Tom
Honorable Thomas Menino
Mayor
City of Boston
City Hall Plaza
Boston, MA 02201
Category: elected official

Joseph
Honorable Joseph P. Riley, Jr.
80 Broad Street
Charleston, SC 29401
Category: elected official

Richard
Honorable Richard Riordan
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Category: elected official

John
Mr. John Bowers
President
International Longshoreman's Union
Category: Labor

Ed
Mr. Edward Cleary
President
New York State AFL-CIO
48 East 21st Street
12th Floor
New York, NY 10010
Category: Labor

Tom
Mr. Thomas Donahue
Secretary-Treasurer
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
Category: Labor

John
Mr. John F. Henning
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
California Labor Federation AFL-CIO
Suite 300
417 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, CA 94104
Category: Labor

Gerald
Mr. Gerald McEntee
President
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
Category: Labor

Paschal
Mr. Paschal McGuinness
First Vice-President, International Brotherhood of Carpenters
President, Irish American Labor Coalition
101 Constitution Avenue
Washington, DC 20001
Category: Labor

Elizabeth
Ms. Elizabeth Smith
Political Director
American Federation of Teachers
Category: Labor

John
Mr. John Sweeney
President
Service Employees International Union
1313 L Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005-4101
Category: Labor

(Submitted by Marilyn DiGiacobbe, 4/19/95.)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1995

MEMORANDUM TO FLO MCAFEE
SUSAN BROPHY
MARTHA POPE
JONATHAN SALLET

FROM: MARCIA L. HALE

SUBJECT: Recommendations from Mayor Rendell for the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Northern Ireland

As you know, the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Northern Ireland was originally intended to be in Philadelphia and Mayor Rendell had agreed to handle the arrangements and fundraising. When it was decided that the location of the conference be changed, we agreed to allow Mayor Rendell to invite a small group of people from Philadelphia.

The following individuals have been recommended by Mayor Ed Rendell for the conference. I have also attached a letter from the Mayor regarding his recommendations. Please know that I have background information on each of these individuals and would be glad to provide it for you upon your request.

List A

Mr. John P. Morris
(President of Joint Council #53 and the Philadelphia Irish Society)
Vice President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
2833 Cottman Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19149
(215)335-4600

Ms. Kathleen M. Sullivan
First Deputy City Representative for Public Relations
3125 West Penn Street
Philadelphia, PA 19129

(Mr. Morris and Ms. Sullivan are the suggested Co-Chairs of the delegation.)

Mr. John M. Corcoran
Attorney At Law
One Penn Center At Suburban Station
Suite 1100
1617 John F. Kennedy Boulevard
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1811
(215)977-9300

Ms. Jane M. Duffin
Editor
The Irish Edition
803 East Willow Grove Avenue
Wyndmoor, PA 19036
(215)836-4900

The Honorable James F. Kenney
Councilman
1614 South 11th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19148

The Honorable James Murray Lynn
3200 School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144
(215)842-0684

Mr. Joseph E. Thompson
Associate Professor
Center for the Study of Conflict
Political Science Department
Villanova University
Villanova, PA 19085
(610)519-4727

List B

Mr. Thomas Conaghan
President
The Federation of Irish-American Societies
6815 Emlen Street
Philadelphia, PA 19119

Mr. James J. Lynch
Executive Vice President
Midlantic Bank, N.A.
497 Plymoth Road
Glenside, PA 19038
(215)885-3266

The Honorable Daniel P. Mc Elhatton
Councilman
City Hall
Room 316
Philadelphia, PA 19111
(215)686-3448

Dr. James Murphy, Ph.D
Associate Professor of English and
Director of Irish Studies at Villanova University
25 Matlack Lane
Villanova PA 19085

Additional Recommendations

The following elected officials have sizable Irish American constituencies and I would recommend you inviting them to the conference as well:

The Honorable Richard J. Daley
Mayor of Chicago
121 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60602
(312)744-3300

The Honorable Thomas Menino
Mayor
City Hall Plaza
Boston, MA 02201
(617)635-4000

The Honorable Richard Riordan
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213)485-3311

On first list

The Honorable Joseph P. Riley, Jr.
80 Broad Street
Charleston, SC 29401
(803)577-4727

The Honorable Tom Hayden
California State Senate
P.O. Box 942848
Sacramento, CA 94248
(916) 445-1353

Thank you for your consideration of these individuals. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help.

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
ROOM 215 CITY HALL
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19107-3295
(215) 686-2181
FAX (215) 686-2170

EDWARD G. RENDELL
MAYOR

April 3, 1995

Ms. Marcia Hale
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 10500

Dear Marcia:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Clinton for inviting a Philadelphia Delegation to participate in the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland scheduled for May 24th through 26th. As requested, I am forwarding to you the resumes of our nominees for the delegation.

I have chosen as co-chairs John Morris, President of Joint Council #53 and the Philadelphia Irish Society, and Kathleen M. Sullivan, First Deputy City Representative. Mr. Morris is one of the most prominent union leaders not only here in Philadelphia, but throughout the country. Ms. Sullivan, who will represent me, in addition to serving the city at large, is my administration's liaison with the Irish community and the Irish organizations.

While all nominees are deserving and well-qualified to serve on this delegation, I would strongly recommend the following individuals to President Clinton: John Corcoran, Esquire, and member of the Brehon Law Society; Jane M. Duffin, Editor of <u>The Irish Edition</u>; Councilman James F. Kenney, who was responsible for our City Council's approval of the MacBride Principles; Honorable James M. Lynn, a Philadelphia Common Pleas Court judge; and Joseph E. Thompson, M.A., Ph.D., Associate Professor and Director, Center for the Study of Conflict at Villanova University.

Also, for your consideration, I have enclosed the resumes of Thomas F. Conaghan, President of The Federation of Irish-American Societies; James J. Lynch, Executive Vice President, Midlantic Bank; Councilman Daniel P. McElhatton; and James J. Murphy, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English and Director of Irish Studies at Villanova University.

As I mentioned, all the individuals I have submitted are very much interested and conversant with the proposed agenda, and they are especially looking forward to joining the President at what I'm sure will prove to be an extremely beneficial conference.

After reviewing the enclosed resumes, please let me know which candidates you have chosen. I would like to contact them as soon as possible so they can make the necessary arrangements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Edward G. Rendell

Edward G. Rendell

January 24, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY SODERBERG

FROM: BROOKE DARBY

SUBJECT: Ireland Conference

I attended a Commerce (Jonathan Sallet)/Martha Pope chaired meeting at Commerce today to discuss the Ireland Conference. These are the primary issues discussed of which you should be aware:

TIMING/LOCATION

A thorough search by Commerce Scheduling/Advance and BCIU of possible conference sites yielded only one definite possibility for the May 18/19 timeframe -- the Washington Renaissance Hotel (opposite the Convention Center). But it is non-Union and had an insufficient number of hotel rooms, particularly for the night before the Conference, May 17.

The best option was the Sheraton Washington, which is Union and, in addition to having great conference facilities, it has over 1,000 available rooms -- but it isn't available May 17-18. It is available May 24-26, however. **Susan Brophy called Billy Webster in the course of the meeting who confirmed that the President could do these dates.** The OECD ministerials, in which Secretary Brown is participating, are May 23-24 in Paris. The 25th is the feast of the Ascension which may be a holiday in Ireland and may preclude some participation in the Conference. These conflicts will be researched further and then, assuming all agree, Brophy will do a new SP. Sound OK to you?

BCIU

Commerce will finalize the contract with them this week.

TASK FORCES

Responsibilities were assigned to task forces and task force heads were appointed. The heads are to report to the next meeting, Tuesday at 4:00, with task force members lists, action plans and a timeline for action. Commerce is going to type up the list of task forces and heads and circulate it. I'll give you a copy when I get it.

Each of these task forces will draw up suggested lists of invitees in their area (Domestic outreach, U.S. Business Liaison, Foreign Gov'ts, etc.) We are going to look to getting preliminary lists by the next meeting and final lists by Feb. 6.

This will allow approximately 3 weeks for vetting before we try to get the invitations out on March 1. Commerce will come to the next meeting with a suggested breakdown of approximate numbers of invitees/participants for each category.

MITCHELL TRIP

Mitchell is planning a trip to London and Ireland Feb. 13-18. Itinerary is not set yet but this is what they're looking at:

London - Mtgs w/Major, Crowe, Carlo Trohan (sp?) of the EU
Belfast - Mtgs w/Mayhew, other political leaders tbd, Labour, and IDB, I-5 project tours
Derry - Mtgs w/Hume and Willy McCarter
Border Areas tbd - tour
Dublin - mtgs tbd, maybe attend Peace Forum, maybe do a radio show

One of the major issues that I think we need to decide very soon is where we stand on including Noraid or other controversial reps, i.e., would we exclude a small business because it had contributed significantly to Noraid. Will Gerry Adams be invited to participate -- Susan Brophy was under the impression that he would be. I assume you have strong views on this and think it would be useful to sit down with the relevent people -- State EUR, Martha Pope, Susan Brophy, Kathy S., etc. to resolve this issue before we get much further along.

cc: Kathy Stephens, Sandy Vershbow

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

January 10, 1995

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY E. SODERBERG

FROM: WILLIAM H. ITOH

SUBJECT: Ireland Conference

Based on the decision to hold the Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland in Washington on May 19 instead of in Philadelphia, I spoke with Alexis Herman, Marcia Hale and Susan Brophy regarding release of a Press Statement.

-- Alexis has asked to clear the Press Statement. When we have a draft, I will run it by Alexis.

-- Marcia Hale has talked with the Mayor of Philadelphia. He is fine with the decision but asked that we make arrangements for five individuals to participate in the conference (without charge, if possible). These individuals are active Irish-Americans who have a serious interest in the conference. Marcia has no objection to release of a statement.

-- Susan Brophy has informed the Chairpersons and Ranking members of the HIRC and SFRC. She has also informed Dodd. Additionally in the meeting with Mitchell this morning, 5 other members of congress were informed of the decision. Susan thinks that is sufficient notification and has no objection to release of a statement.

MEETING ON IRELAND TRADE AND INVESTMENT CONFERENCE 11/8

PARTICIPANTS

Jonathan Sallet (Commerce)
Charles Meissner (Commerce)
Michael Lekson (State)
Elisabeth Brocking (State)
Tom Dine (AID)
Paige Alexander (AID)
Morgan Kulla (USIA)
Marcia Hale (WH Intergovernmental Affairs)
Kathy Stephens
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March 8, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM DORSKIND

FROM: MARILYN DIGIACOBBE

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER OF INVITATION FOR THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND

We would like to invite U.S. businesses and community leaders to participate in this White House Conference through a Presidential invitation letter. The Presidential letter will be followed by a more detailed letter from Senator Mitchell and Secretary Ron Brown, including registration materials.

Attached is a draft Presidential letter as well as a draft of the follow-up Mitchell/Brown letter. The potential invitation list is approximately 1,500-2,000. This is similar to the Cleveland exercise. (AH!) We are looking to mail letters by the week of March 20th.

The drafts were supplied by Commerce and Senator Mitchell's staff. There are a couple question areas in the draft. I will ask NSC to provide guidance on paragraph 4 -- what's appropriate to say from a policy stand point. Also, I added a sentence in the last paragraph that identifies a point of contact -- is this appropriate?

Thanks for your help. I can be reached at x62721.

cc: Nancy Soderberg, NSC
Kathy Stephens, NSC

To Kathy —
Can you redo
POTUS letter —
he should see if
possible. Use
CEE copy as
reference

Draft

Dear:

I would like you to participate with me in the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland to be held in Washington, D.C., on May 24-26, 1995. This conference ~~aims to~~ will show U.S. companies that sustained peace is dramatically improving business opportunities ~~on the island of Ireland, particularly~~ in Northern Ireland and the border counties of ~~the Republic~~ of Ireland.

~~The promise of~~ peace ~~will~~ allows Americans to build on the strong business, trade, political and cultural links we already enjoy with Ireland, north and south. Already the United States is the most important source of internationally mobile investment in Northern Ireland and in the Republic.

We are inviting business and government leaders from Ireland, both north and south, as well as senior U.S. business executives to participate in this historic conference. The Conference will provide a unique opportunity for businesses from both sides of the Atlantic to build upon their already strong commercial ties.

The United States attaches great importance to the search for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland, both in the context of our world-wide commitment to end terrorism and our desire to promote democratic solutions to conflicts. Our close bonds of history, culture and tradition with Ireland and the United Kingdom provide us with a unique role in helping to achieve these goals. The United States wants to do its part to ensure that peace brings to Ireland new opportunities for job growth and economic prosperity, which in turn will help ensure that this newfound peace is stable and lasting.

To

Shortly you will receive complete registration information in the mail. I hope you will be able to join me in Washington, D.C., in May for this exciting conference.

Sincerely,

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In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact ~~the~~ your staff ~~at~~ at the Dept of Commerce International Trade Administration, 482-5341. 202-

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Dear Executive:

President Clinton recently invited you to join him in an historic White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland, to be held in Washington, D.C., on May 24-26. This conference is critically important to support and encourage the efforts towards the building of peace in Northern Ireland. Sustained peace should dramatically improve business opportunities for job growth and economic prosperity in Northern Ireland and the six border counties of the Republic of Ireland. American businesses should be on the ground floor of these new opportunities, benefitting both the United States and the peace and reconciliation process.

Already the United States is the single largest foreign direct investor in the island of Ireland, both north and south, with over 200 companies currently active. U.S. company sales in the Republic of Ireland in 1992 ($16.5 billion), for example, have grown almost four-fold since 1983 ($4.8 billion). Comparable U.S. exports during the time frame more than doubled to $2.6 billion in 1992, up from $1.1 billion in 1983. With the prospects for long term peace in Northern Ireland, the possibilities for expanded trade and investment are growing.

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We are inviting business and government leaders from Ireland, both north and south, as well as senior U.S. business executives. Numerous business opportunities will be highlighted in tourism, agribusiness and fisheries, information technology, manufacturing, and service industries. In addition the conference will address ~~fair~~ employment issues, community development, and international assistance programs for this region.

We hope that you will be able to join President Clinton and us for this highly important event. The Business Council for International Understanding is organizing the White House Conference with us and has prepared the enclosed registration information. Space for this critical event is limited and participation is on a first-come, first serve basis, so we suggest you respond quickly.

Sincerely,

Ronald H. Brown
Secretary of Commerce

George Mitchell
Special Advisor to the President for
Economic Initiatives in Ireland

Enclosure

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

February 8, 1995

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ALEXANDER VERSHBOW

FROM: KATHLEEN STEPHENS

SUBJECT: Presidential Response to Senator Bill Bradley

Attached at Tab I is your memorandum to the President transmitting his suggested reply to a letter from Senator Bradley on the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland.

Concurrence by: Bill Danvers

RECOMMENDATION

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

Attachment
Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Suggested Reply to Senator Bradley
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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To Bill Danvers -
Can yr talk to Bradley's staff + let me know where this is coming from + what they expect

Sent 2/13 cls

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
PATRICK GRIFFIN

SUBJECT: Response to Senator Bradley Regarding The White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland

Purpose

To respond to a letter from Senator Bradley.

Background

Senator Bradley wrote to you regarding the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachment
Tab A Letter to Senator Bill Bradley
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your encouraging words of support for the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland. We have moved the Conference to Washington for logistical reasons. The Conference is now set for May 24-26.

The principal goal of the Conference is to encourage business development in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland in order to demonstrate that the cessation of violence can yield a tangible peace dividend. We hope that the participants at the Conference will project a unity of purpose that will underscore this goal. While the focus of the Conference will be on businessmen and investors, we also look forward to the participation of a broad range of other groups and individuals.

Your point on the building and strengthening of the structures of civil society is well taken. At the Conference we want to draw attention to the importance of existing community groups and institutions in creating a climate that spurs business development.

Employment in Northern Ireland will be addressed at the Conference in a manner supportive of non-discrimination and fair employment objectives. We hope that the discussion will, as you put it, contribute to intercommunal reconciliation.

Thank you again for interest in and support of the Conference.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Bill Bradley
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

BILL BRADLEY
NEW JERSEY

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COMMITTEES:
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3001

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January 23, 1995

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to congratulate you for initiating the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland which is set for April 1995 in Philadelphia. This is just the kind of far-sighted step necessary to help provide the economic underpinning to social reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

As you know, I have long been a supporter of the McBride Principles. I believe that they provide a moral underpinning to U.S. business relations in Northern Ireland that can contribute to equity and reconciliation. I urge you to ensure that the decisions of the Philadelphia Conference be consistent with the spirit of the Principles, contribute to intercommunal reconciliation, and target the most disadvantaged areas in Northern Ireland and the border counties without regard to sectarian divisions.

I also believe that business activity should, as much as possible, build upon and strengthen the structures of civil society. That means working when possible through existing community groups and institutions.

Finally, the purposes of reconciliation will be best served by representation at the Conference from all sectors of Irish opinion. Within the constraints of U.S. law, I urge you not to exclude individuals because of their political beliefs.

I look forward to hearing how planning is progressing for the Philadelphia Conference. It should prove to be an important American foreign policy success.

Sincerely,

Bill Bradley

BB/mf

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 23, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM ITOH

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY SB
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL MAIL

Attached are copies of letters sent to the White House from several members of Congress.

Since these letters address national security issues, I would appreciate your assistance in drafting a response. The letters are as follows:

1) Ben Gilman (R-NY), concerning the fighting in Grozny;

2) Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), concerning the case of Carlos Manuel Prieta Cruz;

3) Arlen Specter (R-PA), concerning the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland; and

4) Bill Bradley (D-NJ), concerning the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call LeeAnn Inadomi at x67500.

Enclosure

WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

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TAGS: EAID, PREL, ETRD, KPRP, UK, EI
SUBJECT: U.S. ECONOMIC INITIATIVES TO ADVANCE THE PEACE PROCESS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

1. SENATOR: I WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN OF YOUR APPOINTMENT AS THE SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC INITIATIVES IN IRELAND. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN DURING YOUR VISIT TO LONDON NEXT MONTH AND HEARING FIRSTHAND YOUR THOUGHTS ON HOW THE USG CAN BEST PROMOTE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY IN N. IRELAND AND THE BORDER COUNTIES. IN THE MEANTIME, I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN OUR IDEAS ON TOP PRIORITIES IN THE COMING MONTHS.

2. THE FLAGSHIP EVENT, OF COURSE, WILL BE THE APRIL WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE. HMG IS DELIGHTED PRESIDENT CLINTON TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO HOST THE CONFERENCE AND, FOLLOWING THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO BELFAST OF SECRETARY BROWN LAST MONTH, HAS HIGH HOPES FOR INCREASED U.S. INVESTMENT IN N. IRELAND. IF WE WANT CONCRETE RESULTS, THE FOCUS OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD REMAIN SQUARELY ON BUSINESS. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE SOME U.S. COMPANIES ALREADY INVOLVED IN N. IRELAND SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH POTENTIAL INVESTORS. SEVERAL U.S. FIRMS TELL US THEY ARE EAGER TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THEIR GOOD EXPERIENCE IN N. IRELAND SINCE THEY WANT COMPLEMENTARY U.S. HI-TECH INDUSTRIES TO INVEST IN

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THE REGION. WE HAVE SOME MORE DETAILED THOUGHTS ON THE CONFERENCE WHICH WE WILL BE GIVING TO DAVE POZORSKI ON OUR STAFF.

3. WE NEED TO LOOK PAST THE APRIL CONFERENCE AND PLAN FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MISSIONS TO THE REGION. WE ALSO SHOULD USE COMMERCE'S NETWORK OF DISTRICT OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE U.S. TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT N. IRELAND AND THE BORDER COUNTIES AS WELL AS COMMERCE'S RECENTLY INAUGURATED FLASHFAX.

4. WE SHOULD START GIVING SOME THOUGHT TO TARGETING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN ORDER TO APPROACH THE MOST PROMISING POTENTIAL INVESTORS. SOME BACK OFFICE OPERATIONS OF FINANCIAL COMPANIES, FOR EXAMPLE, MIGHT BE PROFITABLY MOVED TO THE REGION. WE BELIEVE U.S. TELECOM FIRMS ARE POTENTIALLY INTERESTED IN THE CABLE TV/PHONE FRANCHISES IN THE PROVINCE.

5. A CONCERTED EFFORT TO INCREASE U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT MAY WELL REQUIRE A BEEFED UP USG COMMERCIAL PRESENCE IN THE REGION. FUNDING MAY NEED TO BE OBTAINED IN ORDER TO ALLOW FCS LONDON TO DEVELOP AN ENHANCED PRESENCE IN BELFAST.

6. THE TOURISM JOINT COMMUNIQUE, WHICH SECRETARY BROWN COULD NOT SIGN DURING HIS VISIT LAST MONTH, SHOULD BE SIGNED AT THE APRIL CONFERENCE IN THE PRESENCE OF U.S. TRAVEL INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES. THE TIMING WOULD BE PROPITIOUS AS THE CONFERENCE OCCURS JUST BEFORE THE PEAK SUMMER TOURISM SEASON.

7. IT WILL BE NECESSARY IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO PUSH THROUGH INCREASED CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING FOR IFI. WE ALSO NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH IFI IN IDENTIFYING THE MOST APPROPRIATE PROJECTS.

8. EFFORTS MUST CONTINUE TO ADDRESS LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE URBAN AREAS -- THE GREATEST ECONOMIC PROBLEM FACING N. IRELAND. AT A MINIMUM, WE SHOULD OFFER TO SHARE OUR EXPERIENCES IN TACKLING THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

9. FINALLY, WE NEED TO FLESH OUT THE TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED DURING SECRETARY BROWN'S VISIT LAST MONTH AND DEMONSTRATE THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE RENEWED ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF THE REGION.

10. WARMEST REGARDS. BILL CROWE
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release November 1, 1994

SUPPORTING PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The United States attaches great importance to the search for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland, both in the context of our world-wide commitment to end terrorism and our desire to promote democratic solutions to conflicts. Our close bonds of history, culture and tradition with Ireland and the United Kingdom provide us with a unique role in helping to achieve those goals.

We have encouraged and supported the courageous efforts of Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds and British Prime Minister John Major to establish a new framework for peace and justice in Northern Ireland. For the first time in a generation, both Republican and Loyalist paramilitaries have declared cease-fires. Each day that passes without terrorism strengthens the hope that the bomb and the bullet are gone for good from the politics of Ireland.

The President has pledged to do all he can to support the building of peace in Northern Ireland. The United States wants to do its part to ensure that peace brings to Ireland new opportunities for job growth and economic prosperity, which in turn will help ensure that this newfound peace is a stable and lasting one.

The promise of peace will allow Americans to build on the strong business, trade, political and cultural links we already enjoy with Ireland, north and south. The United States is the most important source of internationally mobile investment in Northern Ireland and in the Republic. Forty U.S. companies are already operating in Northern Ireland, providing some 9,000 jobs. In addition, the Administration strongly supports the International Fund for Ireland, which funds a broad range of economic and social development projects.

This present opportunity for lasting peace in Ireland is the chance of a generation; it must be seized and supported. The President therefore has directed his Administration to undertake the following initiatives in the coming months to increase our support for the political and economic revitalization of Northern Ireland and the border countries:

White House Conference for Trade and Investment

The President will host a White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland. The Conference is planned for April 1995 in Philadelphia. He has instructed the Department of State to name a coordinator to work with Secretary Brown and his staff, the International Fund for Ireland, the Irish and British governments and private sector and political groups to organize and support the conference. The President looks forward to participating in this Conference, which will aim to show U.S. companies that sustained peace is dramatically improving business opportunities on the island of Ireland and, particularly, in Northern Ireland and the border counties. American businesses should be in on the ground floor of these new opportunities; this will be good for us and good for Irish peace and reconciliation.

Commerce Secretary Brown to attend Belfast Investment Conference

Commerce Secretary Ron Brown will travel to Belfast in December 1994 to lead the U.S. delegation to Prime Minister Major's Investment Conference for Northern Ireland, where the President has instructed him to identify concrete new opportunities for increased business links between Northern Ireland and the U.S. Secretary Brown will also travel to Dublin for consultations. In both cities, he will prepare the groundwork for the White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland. The President has also asked Secretary Brown to present the new initiatives he identifies at the White House Conference in April.

Increased funding for the IFI

The President is committed to continued strong U.S. support for the International Fund for Ireland. In addition to our planned obligation of almost $20 million to the Fund in Fiscal Year 1995, we will seek Congressional concurrence to increase IFI funding by an additional $10 million in Fiscal Year 1996 and in Fiscal Year 1997, for a total of about $30 million each year. This increase will bring the total commitment of this Administration to the Fund to roughly $100 million. The IFI has steadily strengthened and adjusted its programs and management over the years. We expect such progress to continue. This additional funding will support the IFI in undertaking the vital new initiatives that are needed to consolidate the gains of peace in Northern Ireland and the border counties and to build cross-community economic and political cooperation. We will work with it to strengthen its programs even further and particularly to address such entrenched problems as the high rates of long-term unemployment in Northern Ireland and the border counties.

Department of Commerce programs

The President has directed the Department of Commerce to enhance our cooperation with Northern Ireland in science and technology, especially through strengthened collaboration with our Manufacturing Extension Partnerships and other programs to encourage technological innovation. The Commerce Department will also establish a Business Information Center for Trade and Investment and review other ways to promote business opportunities in Northern Ireland and the border countries.

The Department of Commerce will also initiate a business intern training program to bring managers and business technical experts to train with U.S. companies. This program will expedite the learning of advanced management and production skills and begin operating in Fiscal Year 1996 with approximately $1 million in bilateral economic assistance funds. It will help improve the productive abilities of industry in Northern Ireland and the border counties and will also generate increased business between U.S. firms and companies in Northern Ireland -- creating more jobs both there and here.

USIA programs

The President has instructed the United States Information Agency to expand its programs in Northern Ireland in view of the changing political climate, increasing exchanges of persons as well as planning speakers and seminars on such topics as conflict resolution. In addition, USIA will open its grant competitions in such areas as conflict resolution to allow American non-profit organizations to submit proposals for projects in Northern Ireland to support the momentum for peace and reconciliation.

National Endowment for Democracy

The President will encourage the National Endowment for Democracy, which is presently funding a political party training program in Northern Ireland, to seek additional opportunities to strengthen and expand its programs there.

U.S. Agency for International Development

The President has asked USAID to explore ways to work with the IFI to increase the impact of its business enterprise program on small and micro-enterprises. Thomas A. Dine, USAID Assistant Administrator for Europe and the New Independent States, will travel through Northern Ireland and the border counties beginning November 19 to review existing IFI programs and determine whether

approaches used by USAID elsewhere may have application in Northern Ireland.

Trade and Development Agency

The U.S. Trade and Development Agency will lead a technical delegation to Northern Ireland to identify infrastructure and industrial projects that represent mutually beneficial trade and investment opportunities. Depending upon the findings of the delegation, future activities might include the funding of feasibility studies and/or the sponsorship of reverse trade missions.

A Continuing Commitment

We will continue to look for opportunities to support the efforts of the British and Irish governments and of democratic leaders in Northern Ireland to build on peace. We encourage the millions of Americans who want to contribute to peace in Ireland to do the same.

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May 22, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR ANN STOCK

FROM: MARILYN DIGIACOBBE

Map Room

SUBJECT: IRISH CONFERENCE RECEPTION

As a follow-up to our Friday discussion, attached is a preliminary list of 23 individuals that I would like to recommend for a meet and greet with the President prior to his attendance at the South Lawn reception scheduled for 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 25. This meet and greet would be separate from that already planned for foreign leaders.

The individuals on the list recommended are Irish-American organization leaders, community activists and labor leaders. They represent the constituencies with which we have the most to gain by holding this Conference and highlighting our commitment to a lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

A meet and greet would energize these individuals to carry the message back to their organizations and activate them to organize for the President. Photographs from the meet and greet would be placed in the local and ethnic press as well as organization newsletters and magazines.

Attachment: recommended list

cc: Harold Ickes
Alexis Herman
Doug Sosnick
Susan Brophy
Nancy Soderberg ✓

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Nancy,
Do you have any problems w/ us doing this or with any of the individuals included. Need to know how you feel about it tonight. Thanks, Marilyn x62721

RECOMMENDED LIST FOR MEET AND GREET
PRIOR TO SOUTH LAWN RECEPTION

1. Kevin Barry, National Board Member
   Irish American Unity Conference
   Little Falls, New Jersey

2. John Bowers, President
   International Longshoremen's Union
   New York, New York

3. Thomas F. Conaghan, President
   Federation of Irish American Societies
   Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

4. John M Corcoran, Executive Committee
   Brehon Law Society
   Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

5. William T. Cunningham, Regional President, New Jersey
   Irish American Unity Conference
   West Caldwell, New Jersey

6. Thomas R. Donahue, Secretary/Treasurer
   AFL-CIO
   Washington, DC

7. Thomas P. Giblin, Chairman
   Essex County Democratic Committee
   West Caldwell, New Jersey

8. Thomas E. Gilligan, National Vice President
   Ancient Order of Hibernians in America
   Fort Lauderdale, Florida

9. John F. Henning, Executive Secretary/Treasurer
   California Labor Federation
   San Francisco, California

10. Joseph Jamison, Director
    Irish-American Labor Coalition
    New York, New York

11. Robert C. Linnon, National President
    Irish American Unity Conference
    Washington, DC

12. James Murray Lynn, President
St. Patrick's Day Observance Association
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

13. Paschal McGuinness, President
Irish-American Labor Coalition and
First Vice-President, International Brotherhood of Carpenters
Washington, DC

14. Father Sean McManus, President
Irish National Caucus
Washington, DC

15. John P. Morris, Regional Vice-President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

16. Bruce A. Morrison, Chairman
Americans for a New Irish Agenda
New Haven, Connecticut

17. Brian O'Dwyer, President
Emerald Isle Immigration Center
New York, New York

18. Daniel P. O'Kennedy, National Coordinator
American Committee for Ulster Justice
Livonia, Michigan

19. Sister Michele O'Leary, President
Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

20. John J. Sweeney, President
Service Employees International Union
Washington, DC

21. Edward J. Wallace, National President
Ancient Order of Hibernians in America
Clayton, New York

22. John P. Walsh, Chairman
Irish American Cultural Institute
Morristown, New Jersey

23. Noreen A. Walsh, National Secretary
Irish American Unity Conference
Nutley, New Jersey

OTHER POSSIBILITIES

Only two elected officials attending Conference aside from Members of Congress:

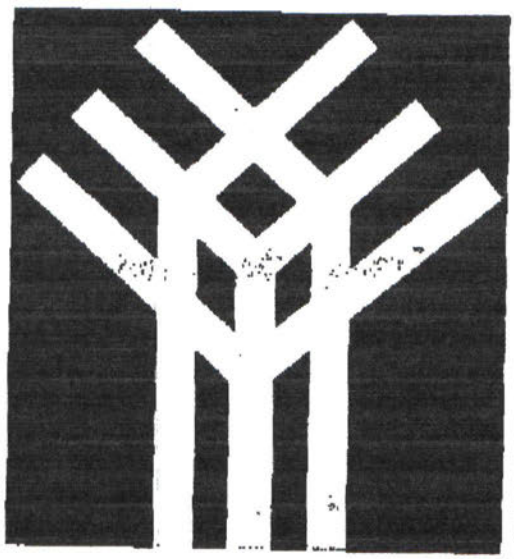
1. Hon. Joseph Crowley, Assemblyman
   New York State Assembly

2. Hon. Tom Hayden, State Senator
   State of California

The U.S. Department of State, The U.S. Department of Commerce and The Business Council for International Understanding (BCIU) are pleased to announce:

The White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland

Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland



Hosted by:

The President of the United States, William J. Clinton

With:

Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State

Ronald H. Brown, Secretary of Commerce

Senator George J. Mitchell, Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State

Senior government officials and business leaders from Ireland and the United Kingdom

CEOs from leading U.S. companies with experience in Ireland and Northern Ireland

May 24, 25 and 26, 1995
Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C.

BCIU

Conference Goals:

- Demonstrate U.S. support for the consolidation of peace in Northern Ireland through business development.
- Encourage U.S. companies to examine new business opportunities, particularly in Northern Ireland and the six border counties of Ireland.
- Match interested American companies with prospective partners in Northern Ireland and the border counties.
- Highlight government and private sector programs of the United States, Ireland and the United Kingdom that support and promote business activities in Northern Ireland and the border counties.
- Facilitate follow-up activities which will further promote trade and investment and create jobs for U.S. and Irish firms.

Audience:

300 senior executives from U.S. companies, representatives of companies in Northern Ireland and Ireland, and government leaders.

Fees:

$800.00*

*See registration form for details on a reduced fee for small companies in the manufacturing and other sectors interested in new business opportunities, and for non-profit organizations.

Fees cover: participation in Conference plenary and breakout sessions, Conference meals, all Conference materials, including a comprehensive manual of the latest information on business opportunities in Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland.

Space at the conference will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

A Registration form is attached. If you have any questions about the conference, please contact:

BCIU
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1620
New York, NY 10170
Telephone: 212-490-0460 (ask for the Program Office)
Fax: 212-697-8526 or 212-697-3291

To Nancy
from Kathy

Program:

MAY 24 – WEDNESDAY

12 Noon **Registration Opens**

7:00 p.m. **Opening Reception**

8:00 p.m. **Dinner Gala**
Senator George J. Mitchell

MAY 25 – THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. **Registration Opens**

7:45 a.m. **Breakfast**
CEOs from U.S. companies with experience in Ireland

Question and answer session

10:00 a.m. **Plenary Session**
Senator George J. Mitchell

Secretary of Commerce, Ronald H. Brown

Secretary of State, Warren M. Christopher

11:00 a.m.* **Address by President Clinton**

12:30 p.m. **Luncheon**

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Ireland, Dick Spring

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

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Sir Patrick Mayhew

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

*Approximate time.

(continued on next panel)

2:30 p.m. **Breakout Sessions***
- Business Partnerships (joint ventures, franchising, licensing arrangements, technology transfer, contract manufacturing, etc.)
- Tourism
- Food Industries
- Information Technologies
- Community Development (presentations from community organizations on business development)

4:30 p.m. **Breakout Sessions end**

7:00 p.m. **Reception at the White House**
(Transportation will be provided from the Sheraton Washington Hotel)

MAY 26 – FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
Commissioner of the European Union, Monika Wulf-Mathies

Under Secretary of State, Department of Economic Development, Northern Ireland, Baroness Denton

Minister of State, Department of Enterprise and Employment, Ireland, Richard Bruton

10:00 a.m. **Breakout Sessions***
- Business Partnerships (same format as Thursday's session)
- Manufacturing
- Tradable Services (financial and other services including telemarketing and exporting to Europe)
- Employment (the connection between investment and jobs)

12 Noon **Buffet Lunch**

2:00 p.m. **Conference Ends**

*Informal discussions with panel members representing U.S. companies and organizations with experience in Northern Ireland and the border counties. U.S. Government officials and government, private sector and community leaders from Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Registration

The White House Conference for Trade and Investment in Ireland

May 24, 25 and 26, 1995
Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Registration Information

Notes

The Conference is by invitation only.

Reservations and payment in advance are required.

Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis

Registration fee for each person is $800.

Small companies (fewer than 500 employees) in the manufacturing and other sectors interested in new business opportunities can register for $400 – documentation in writing is required for this reduced fee.

Non-profit organizations can register for $250 – documentation in writing is required for this reduced fee.

Fees include participation in all Conference activities on May 24-26.

Please send a check payable to BCIU or include your American Express Card number on the reverse side of this form.

By Mail – Complete the registration information on the reverse side and mail to:

BCIU
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1620
New York, NY 10170

By Fax – Complete the registration information on the reverse side and fax to 212-697-8526 or 212-697-3291.

By Phone – For questions on registration call BCIU's Program Office at 212-490-0460.

Registration Confirmation

Registrants will receive fax confirmation after full payment is received.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be made in writing.
Full refund until April 24, 1995.
50% refund until May 10, 1995, no refunds after this date.
Paid Registrants who cancel may send an alternate senior executive from the same company in their place.

Hotel Accomodations

A block of rooms at the Sheraton Washington Hotel is reserved for Conference participants at the special group rate of $125.00 per night, $155.00 per double ($140.00/$170.00 for Wardman Tower Rooms and $400 for Suites). These will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. For reservations, contact the hotel directly at 202-328-2900 and mention the BCIU Conference.

Registration

Company_____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date of Birth: _____ and Social Security # (or passport # for non-U.S. citizens): _____
(for White House security purposes only)

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Please indicate below the breakout sessions you are most interested in attending:

May 25: (choose one)

1-Business Partnerships 2-Food Industries
3-Information Technologies 4-Community Development
5-Tourism

May 26: (choose one)

1-Business Partnerships 2-Manufacturing
3-Tradable Services 4-Employment

Are you interested in scheduling appointments with companies from Northern Ireland and the border counties?
For which industry sector? _____

Additional Comments: _____

$800.00

An additional senior executive from your company may be able to attend on a space available basis.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Please indicate below the breakout sessions you are most interested in attending:

May 25: (choose one)

1-Business Partnerships 2-Food Industries
3-Information Technologies 4-Community Development
5-Tourism

May 26: (choose one)

1-Business Partnerships 2-Manufacturing
3-Tradable Services 4-Employment

Are you interested in scheduling appointments with companies from Northern Ireland and the border counties?
For which industry sector? _____

Additional Comments: _____

$800.00

Total Registration Fees.....$_____

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Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland—new opportunities for U.S. companies

Peace in Northern Ireland provides expanded opportunities for U.S. trade and investment. The United States is already an important source of investment, with more than 200 U.S. companies active on the island of Ireland, and more than 40 companies in Northern Ireland.

At this Conference, a wide range of issues will be covered, focusing on the improved trade and investment climate and how to best take advantage of new business opportunities and create jobs on both sides of the Atlantic. We will highlight the following topics and industry sectors, although plenary sessions and informal discussions will cover many other areas and additional sectors for increased U.S. trade and investment.

- Manufacturing
- Food Industries
- Tourism
- Information Technologies
- Business Partnerships
- Tradable Services
- Community Development
- Employment

We will provide a matchmaker service to schedule meetings between U.S. companies and their counterparts from Northern Ireland and the border counties. This will enable U.S. companies to locate possible partners in specific industry sectors to discuss joint ventures and other business opportunities. On the attached registration form, please indicate if you would like to schedule meetings with companies from Northern Ireland and the border counties.

U.S. firms seeking further economic or commercial information on this region may wish to utilize the U.S. Department of Commerce's Northern Ireland/Border County Business Information Center--automated fax delivery service at 202-501-7488.

"We serve on the verge of a new and peaceful era in Northern Ireland . . . But at this hopeful and historic moment, it's essential to create more economic opportunity in a region whose prospects have been so blighted by bloodshed . . . One of the most important ways that we here in the United States can ensure that Peace takes root is to promote trade and investment in the areas of Ireland that have suffered the most from violence."

President
WILLIAM J. CLINTON

Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland



"The virtues of the economy of Northern Ireland and the border counties are becoming well known to Americans: the high education level and the intense motivation of the workforce; common and transportation links to the European Union; close cultural ties and a common language. There is a new opportunity however, far more profound than those offered by workforce qualifications or economic ratios; it is the opportunity offered by peace among the people of Northern Ireland."

Secretary of Commerce
RONALD H. BROWN

"The President has designed a creative array of economic initiatives for Northern Ireland and the border counties of Ireland. Americans should be in on the ground floor of these new opportunities."

Senator
GEORGE J. MITCHELL

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