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May 16, 1995

Action

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: MARILYN DIGIACOBBE

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION INVITEES FOR THE WHITE HOUSE
CONFERENCE FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND

The individuals attached have been invited to participate in the upcoming conference. Please add to the master invite list.

Also, please review this list and let me know if there are other Administration officials that you think should be added.

Thank you.

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STATE CABLE ACTION TO LONDON AND DUBLIN, INFO TO BELFAST

WITH THE MAY 24-26 WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN IRELAND FAST APPROACHING, WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE TRYING TO FINALIZE THE "DELIVERABLES" TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE CONFERENCE. IN SEVERAL INSTANCES, WE NEED TO WEIGH IN WITH THE BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS AT A HIGH LEVEL TO URGE THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO REACH CLOSURE ON A NUMBER OF PENDING INITIATIVES IN TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE CONFERENCE.

AMBASSADORS IN LONDON AND DUBLIN ARE INSTRUCTED TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING POINTS AT THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN THE BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS RESPECTIVELY, UNDERSCORING OUR MUTUAL INTEREST IN MAKING THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE AS SUBSTANTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE AS POSSIBLE.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

(FOR LONDON ONLY) OUR INTENT TO SIGN AN MOU FOR TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION WAS ANNOUNCED DURING COMMERCE SECRETARY BROWN'S DECEMBER 1994 VISIT TO BELFAST. WE HOPE TO SIGN THE MOU AT THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE UKMOD IS WITHHOLDING CONCURRENCE FROM THE MOU BECAUSE OF OBJECTIONS TO ITS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ANNEX. MOD'S OBJECTIONS ARE SWEEPING AND WOULD REQUIRE SOMETHING TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM S&T AGREEMENTS WE HAVE SIGNED WITH GERMANY, FRANCE, ITALY, JAPAN AND OTHER NATIONS.

TALKING POINTS:

-- UNDERSTAND THAT DESPITE OUR JOINT RESOLVE LAST DECEMBER TO REACH AGREEMENT ON AN MOU FOR TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND, YOUR MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS RAISED IPR-RELATED CONCERNS WHICH THREATEN TO DELAY OR EVEN MAKE IMPOSSIBLE AGREEMENT.

-- IMPORTANT TO BOTH OF US THAT WE FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS IMPORTANT INITIATIVE ARISING FROM PRIME MINISTER MAJOR'S BELFAST CONFERENCE LAST DECEMBER.

-- THE MAY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON IS THE OPTIMAL TIME TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

-- HOPE WE CAN MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND SIGN THE MOU NEXT WEEK IN WASHINGTON. ONE OPTION WE HAVE PROPOSED TO RESPOND TO MOD'S CONCERNS IS TO EXCLUDE ALL DEFENSE-RELATED ACTIVITIES FROM THE TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION PLANNED.

(FOR DUBLIN)

-- AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH BRITISH AUTHORITIES SINCE LAST DECEMBER TO REACH AGREEMENT ON AN MOU ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION WITH NORTHERN IRELAND.

-- WE HOPE TO HAVE THE MOU SIGNED AT THE WASHINGTON INVESTMENT CONFERENCE.

-- WE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP A SIMILAR MOU WITH THE REPUBLIC. WHILE THERE IS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO NEGOTIATE A FULL MOU BEFORE THE CONFERENCE, WE PROPOSE TO SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT WITH YOU, SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH COMMERCE SECRETARY BROWN SIGNED WITH THE BRITISH LAST DECEMBER IN BELFAST.

USTTA/TOURISM COOPERATION

(FOR LONDON AND DUBLIN)

-- USTTA HAS BEEN DISCUSSING WITH IRISH AND BRITISH TOURISM AUTHORITIES A JOINT AGREEMENT ON TOURISM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION FOR SIGNING AT THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE.

-- UNDERSTAND YOUR AUTHORITIES ARE STILL REVIEWING THE DOCUMENT.

-- URGE THAT WE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN ORDER NOT TO LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE PRESENTS TO HIGHLIGHT THIS VITAL SECTOR.

"BIRD" PROGRAM

-- UNDERSTAND THAT JOHN CULLINANE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH YOUR AUTHORITIES TO DISCUSS THE NOTION OF A "BIRD-TYPE" FUND, USING THE ISRAELI PROGRAM AS A MODEL. HE HAS ALSO ASKED US TO CONSIDER THE IDEA.

-- WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE DESIRABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF SUCH A PROGRAM, OF POTENTIAL FUNDING, AND OF ITS STRUCTURE AND LOCATION?

Technology Fund for Peace (TFP)

5/17/95

Toward Establishing a BIRD-type Fund to Support Peace in Northern Ireland

BIRD (Bi-national Industrial Research & Development* Fund
For Northern Ireland + Ireland

FINANCIAL ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1- Raising \$75-100 million is unlikely, but \$20 million may be achievable from multiple sources.
- 2- \$20 million will not generate sufficient interest to support the necessary staff and administrative costs. Annual funding will be necessary.
- 3- R&D project targets will cost less than \$1 million each, emphasize commercialization of technology, and have near-term payoff. These flagship projects will demonstrate NI technology capabilities, and increase the visibility of existing firms through joint ventures. Their success will lead to more private venture capital. Project selection and management will involve critical matchmaking capability. Projects with greatest job-creating potential in Northern Ireland and the Border Counties are the most desirable.
- 4- The most probable US Government contribution is through the International Fund for Ireland (IFI).
- 5- Private fund-raising in the US should be tax-advantaged.

CRITERIA:

IF the President announces support for an Irish BIRD-type initiative, the criteria should be:

- 1- The initiative should add value to existing investments and build on existing institutions. It should not supplant or compete with valuable technical activities such as the IFI Science & Technology Program. They now invest some \$7 million annually in pre-competitive generic R&D.
- 2- The initiative should be led by the private sector. Private seed funding is the key to getting started properly. Participating US companies must match expenditures from the fund.
- 3- Decision-making should be streamlined and non-political. This means minimal government involvement.

These assumptions and criteria support the following option:

- A- A private group in the US should assume the lead role in pursuing this initiative. Existing groups should be utilized if possible. John Cullinane could be given a special role in such a group.
- B- In Northern Ireland, the IFI is best positioned to quickly plan, organize and manage such applied R&D projects. New IFI projects need more commercial, not university, involvement.

Commerce Commission

May 9, 1995

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FROM: MARILYN DIGIACOBBE

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IN IRELAND

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Thank you.

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follow-up
Conf. in Ireland?
McArdell -
end of June
Shipyard

Status of Initiatives as of 5/15/95
(*White House Press Release of November 1, 1994)

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USIA*

*Foram University
Law. \$123,423
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National Endowment for
Democracy*
(USIA is liaison)

Will hold seminar in NI in next 2 months. First seminar in late 1994 was successful. No plans for additional programs.

NDI follow on programs

AID*

Thomas Dine, USAID Asst. Administrator for Europe and NIS, led USAID team to Northern Ireland and border counties, December 1994, to assess IFI programs. Concluded IFI is playing a positive role in the peace process. No direct AID role in WHC, but will work with others on community development session.

TDA*

Technical team sent to region to develop information on possible projects in transportation and environmental areas; TDA to provide written summary of projects for distribution at WHC.

USDA

USDA Liaison for the Joint Program on Agricultural Cooperation, visited Dublin and Belfast May 3-12 to discuss several short-term projects that can be funded under the USDA-Irish program to foster cooperation in the fields of agriculture and agribusiness. Three projects have been identified for U.S., Irish border county and Northern Ireland participation: rural development, food safety and rural environment.

During the visit, a pending MOU for Agricultural Cooperation between USDA and the Irish Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry was discussed.

DOT

DOT explored infrastructure possibilities in areas of Air Traffic Control, Highways, and Railroads. No Conference deliverable to be developed. No further role likely.

DOE

DOE reviewed options, believes only possibility would be linkage with possible TDA activities in energy area. Recommend dropping as a Conference deliverable.

EPA

Administrator Browner has indicated interest in taking environmental mission to region later this year - possibly linked with TDA study. Need details. (?)

*Browner
workshop
x waste*

SBA

SBA Regional Administrators from Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, met in April to discuss the initiation of a pilot program with SBA client companies seeking strategic alliances with Irish and Northern Irish firms. IDA's Forbairt also attended the meeting and the 3 regional directors are to begin to identify the companies and to agree to launch the program in time for the WHC.

OPIC

Although IDA & IDB investment incentives/programs cover most of OPIC options already, some form of guarantee for small capital loans from organizations such as the EBRD may be worth considering.

EXIM

Not likely to be major player - financing options plentiful in region, although ExIm open for business.

U.S. Company/Investment
Joint venture signings

None available

Follow Up Activities

U.S. company attendees at Conference will be polled for interest in sectoral trade/investment missions to Northern Ireland and the border counties. Such missions could follow on beginning late summer or early fall - perhaps 3 concluded by the end of the year.

Northern Ireland seminar scheduled for September in Grand Rapids by District Office.

5.15-95

175 Business @ 200.-250.

100 from Ireland

150 people at dinner.

Wed pm dinner - V.P. opening with Mitchell. (Breakfast Friday am)

80-100 credentialed press from Ireland/UK.

* making this week. - Kathy Stephens

* Brown, State, Mitchell, Kathy, Mark. (T. p's) calls to press + ed boards

Waldnet Wed.

Monday State Mitchell / Meissner. / lead ft Nick
Tuesday 2pm Fx Press Center. → Soderberg / Gearan.
Wed

This week Fx press

Thurs. - am to morning shows. Brown, Crow, Smith / Mitchell.
apds for local press.

King / Dodd Post. ^{Alise} Mitchell.

Conf. & conf call in par 3pm. wed.

Meetings

Tech. IPR. / Umbrella Science + Tech. Mon.

Bio- Irish / UK / EN / IPI 5m on 5 ps each.

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Northern Ireland

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 5, 1995

List of Participants for Ireland
Conference Meeting (SMALL)
1:00pm

Invited

Susan Brophy
Marilyn DiGiacobbe (confirmed)
Martha Pope (Confirmed)
Peter Hale (Confirmed)
Jim Desler (confirmed)
Kathy Stephens *confirm*
Jonathan Sallet - *confirm*

→ Paul + Courtney Hill

✓ Paul Arther
Tim Phillips
Chendy Cocks.

Human rights groups/NGOs

Hawkins, Ardenia R.

From: Stephens, Kathleen D.
To: Darby, M. Brooke; Hawkins, Ardenia R.
Cc: /R, Record at A1; Maxfield, Nancy H.
Subject: Meeting on Conference [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Friday, May 05, 1995 11:32AM
Priority: High

Please pass to Nancy:

Here's what I suggest we cover at the 1:00 meeting today:

1) Status report on invitations extended/accepted. (I will try to get you the most up-to-date lists of invitees before the meeting starts.):

- American business
- American invitees other than business
- Irish and British invitees
- Congressional participation
- Administration participation ←

✓ 2) Walk through Conference schedule (I am sending over a copy of the brochure which has the schedule.)

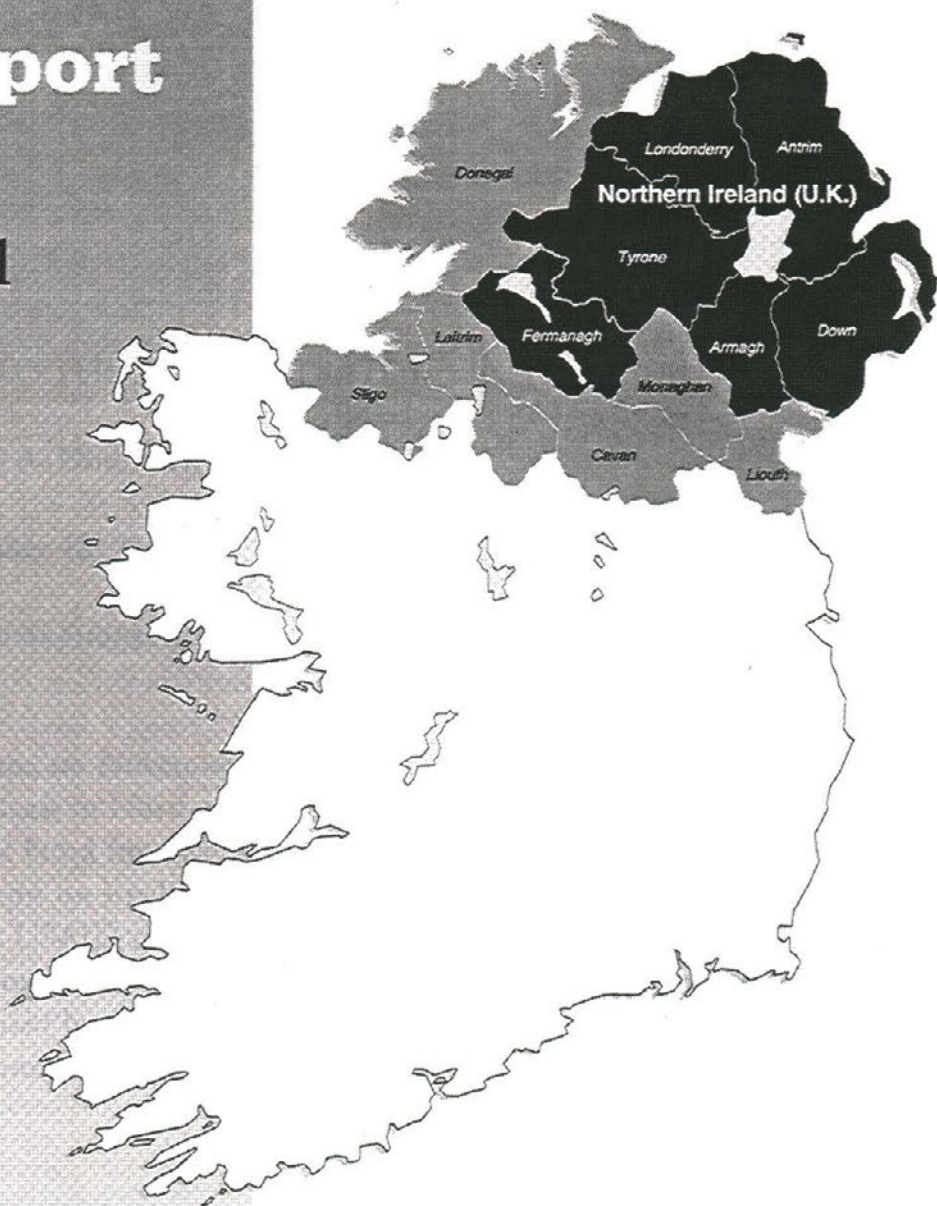
- Discuss Presidential involvement -- speech. remarks at reception?
- Go over breakout sessions and panels.

3) Press issues

4) Presentation of "strategic plan" including "deliverables": when, how, who, what.

Trip Report

The International Fund for Ireland



Thomas A. Dine
Assistant Administrator
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November 30, 1994 -
December 3, 1994

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Cc: /R, Record at A1
Subject: Meeting Agenda [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, May 01, 1995 10:45AM

Dee,Brooke, please pass to Nancy attached agenda for 3 pm meeting on Ireland. She can use this in conjunction with the Dept. of Commerce-generated "deliverables status" report I sent on Friday.

<<File Attachment: 51MEET.DOC>>

Agenda for May 1 Meeting on Northern Ireland Initiatives:

1. Review initiatives agency by agency
2. Identify new areas for exploration; task agencies
3. Task agencies with submitting by May 5 summaries of initiatives taken and background information for use in speeches, other conference materials (including anecdotal info, etc)

INITIATIVES BY AGENCY:

Department of Commerce:

TA/Technology Agreement / Science & Technology.

Possible joint statement on university research exchanges.

BIRD-style program (John Cullinane proposal; substantial Hill interest) - \$75-100m.

Chuck Messner → Venture Capital Fund \$10-20m start up.

ITA/Intern Program

ITA Northern Ireland/Border County Business Information Center

USTTA/Tourism Cooperation: possible joint statement *Communique*.

Sectoral Missions/Seminars: Following on WH Conference.

Possible modest increases in ConGen Belfast commercial support/equipment.

USIA:

Status of grant proposals for "conflict resolution" grants.

Status of support for June 6-8 conference by Foundation for Civil Society.

Status of Worldnet, other WH Conference support.

USIS recruiting new hire for Consulate Belfast.

NED/NDI:

NED likely to provide \$25,000 for June conference. Prepared to consider other proposals (USIA to work on language.)

USIA working on language from NED describing present and future political party seminars.

AID

Update/status following Dine trip.

TDA

Report on technical team's trip. *Environment probably*

USDA

Upcoming visit by liaison officer to Belfast and Dublin. *3 Science*
since '86.

DOT

tech. X.

Doubtful but probe.

DOE

Possible linkage with TDA

EPA

Possible Browner trip? → *pse to call.*

SBA

Seeking strategic alliances. Need status report

OPIC

Still feels no role.

EXIM

Open for business for not major player

OTHER:

Irish/British follow-up conference; Presidential/other attendance to be announced?

George Mitchell to lead group in July -- get details

Irish Peace Bond proposal: **Treasury** is looking into

Other agencies should contribute info they have about private initiatives that might be highlighted, e.g. Business Education

Initiative by churches, expanded private exchange programs, Ferris Foundation scholarships, etc.

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USIA checking to see if Worldnet cameras could be used at the WHC for a live/tape feed back to Ireland (Northern Ireland/UK?) of President's speech. Requires followup

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TDA*

Technical team sent to region to develop information on possible projects in transportation and environmental areas; TDA to provide written summary of projects for distribution at WHC.

USDA

Richard Hughes, USDA Liaison for the Joint Program on Agricultural Cooperation, will visit Dublin and Belfast May 3-12 to discuss several short-term projects that can be funded under the USDA-Irish program to foster cooperation in the fields of agriculture and agribusiness. Three projects have been identified for U.S., Irish border county and Northern Ireland participation: rural development, food safety and rural environment.

During visit, Mr. Hughes will also discuss steps to clear the pending MOU for Agricultural Cooperation between USDA and the Irish Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

Hughes will also explore ways to work with USDOC AMBIT program to increase U.S. and Irish participation in the Agribusiness Associates Program with Ireland.

Still need clarification on whether following 2 items will be considered "deliverables" for the WHC -- status of US/ROI Agreement on Agriculture Science and Technology and Agribusiness Trade Mission(s).

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EPA

Administrator Browner has indicated interest in taking environmental mission to region later this year - possibly linked with TDA study. Need details.

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Three SBA Regional Administrators from Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, met week of April 10 to discuss the initiation of a pilot program with SBA client companies which are seeking strategic alliances with Irish and Northern Irish firms. IDA's Forbairt also attended the meeting and the 3 regional directors are to begin to identify the companies and to agree to launch the program in time for the WHC.

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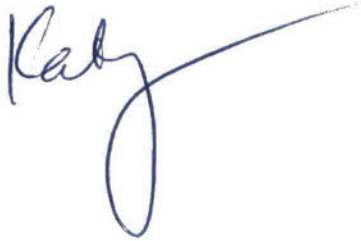
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4/28/95

TO: NANCY SODERBERG

FROM: KATHY STEPHENS

Nancy, Attached is the list of "deliverables" that Commerce is working from. We should go down this list at the meeting on Monday. I will have an updated list by then. We should also review private sector initiatives that we want to highlight.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathy", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Hawkins, Ardenia R.

From: Stephens, Kathleen D.
To: Darby, M. Brooke; Hawkins, Ardenia R.
Cc: /R, Record at A1; Vershbow, Alexander R.
Subject: Meeting Agenda [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, April 03, 1995 10:34AM

Please pass to Nancy:

As requested, attached is a proposed agenda for today's interagency meeting at 11:30 am. This meeting brings together most of those who have been meeting weekly at a Commerce-chaired meeting on "deliverables."

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April 3 Meeting on U.S. Economic Initiatives
to Support Peace in Northern Ireland
AGENDA

1. Introduction of Participants
2. Status Report on Initiatives Announced November 1
(Except Investment Conference)
3. Description of New Initiatives Taken in Addition to Those in
November 1 Announcement
4. Status Report on Investment Conference:
 - General (Commerce/State)
 - Development of "Strategic Plan"
 - "Deliverables" package

Status of Initiatives as of 4/3/95
(*White House Press Release of November 1)

Event/Process

Status

PM Major Investment*
Conference, Belfast

Secretary Brown led Presidential
Business Development Mission, 12/94

Increased IFI funding*

USAID is working with IFI to evaluate its programs.
Increased IFI funding for FY 96 and FY 97 questionable.

Department of Commerce programs

TA/Technology Agreement*

Announced during the Secretary's visit to Belfast. Draft
S&T Cooperation Agreement w/ Northern Ireland being
vetted through State Circular 175 clearance process; IPR
issue causing delay. TA meeting w/ NI officials in U.S.
this week at several university research sites in U.S.
Details of program/signing of Joint Statement during
WHC. TA looking at similar type of agreement w/
Ireland.

TA also looking into possibility of BIRD-type agreement
w/ Ireland - funding major initial issue.

ITA/Intern Program*

Secretary Brown announced in Belfast. ITA-IFI MOU
finalized. USBIT (U.S. Business Intern Training)
program name selected. Press release being drafted.
Program Director in region last week for interviews with
proposed interns. First 5 (3 from NI, 2 from Border
Counties) will be introduced at WHC. Exploring tie-in
with SBA to locate company placements in US.

ITA/Northern Ireland/Border
County Business Information
Center *

Secretary Brown also announced in Belfast. The
fax-on-demand machine is operating. New reports
entered, providing better Border Country coverage.
System can be reached on 501-7488.

USTTA/Tourism Cooperation

Several meetings held with USTTA staff; interested in
cooperating with technical assistance and fitting NI/BC
into UK tourism promotion for FY 1995. Developing
possible joint "communique" on tourism technical
assistance and cooperation for signing/release at WHC.
USTTA will manage tourism breakout session.

Sectoral Missions/Seminars

Following WHC, several sectoral trade missions to be organized. Promising target sectors to come from WHC experience. Northern Ireland seminar scheduled for September in Grand Rapids by District Office.

USIA*

USIA to intensify programs and activities here and via USIA London and Dublin. Office of Citizen Exchange, which administers grants between \$60,000-\$125,000, recently advertised a RFP for a grant in "conflict resolution" for residents of Northern Ireland to provide intensive training in this field. The deadline is March with the award in June.

USIS recruiting a new hire for ConGen Belfast. A USIS officer in London will now devote 25 percent of time to Northern Ireland, and increase visits to Belfast. Will also increase attention to Northern Ireland by raising the level of exchanges.

Exploring feasibility of cross-border programs via their International Visitors Program and Seminars on the peace process at Universities in the region.

USIA checking logistics to have Worldnet cameras at the WHC for a live/tape feed back to Ireland of President's speech.

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Reportedly exploring possibilities for technical support in transportation (highway or rail) or environmental projects - expects to send technical expert(s) to region to explore possibilities in near future. Needs followup.

USDA:

Need report on status of US/ROI Agreement on Agriculture Science and Technology; Agribusiness Opportunities Trade Mission; Agribusiness Internship Program. On latter, USDA reported last week that some funding may be made available for this program; follow-up needed to connect USDOC's Intern program with USDA's.

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Staff requested to explore possible initiatives - possible linkage with TBA activities - no response to date - needs push.

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From: Stephens, Kathleen D.
To: Darby, M. Brooke; Gray, Wendy E.; Hawkins, Ardenia R.
Cc: /R, Record at A1; Kreczko, Alan J.; @EUROPE - European Affairs
Subject: RE: A NOTE FROM NANCY SODERBERG [CONFIDENTIAL]
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 1995 9:18AM

Please pass to Nancy Soderberg:

Here are my comments on your edits and questions:

On the prisoners issue, I would revise to read: Sinn Fein and some Irish-Americans are also increasing the pressure on us to review the cases of IRA "political prisoners" in the U.S. Most of these cases involve persons convicted or awaiting extradition for violent actions (murder, arms trafficking) or other non-political offenses. You should avoid commenting on the issue.

On disarmament, the British have softened their position on what is required before moving to all-party talks. (Basically, they just want to get enough to get the UUP to show up.) Their position is "significant progress" on disarmament before all-party talks. John Bruton has used the phrase "significant progress." But I think in the Q&A, the President should avoid characterizing either the British or Irish position because it's so deliberately vague. I would delete the phrase "While disarmament is not a specific condition" and let the rest of the point stand as is, though I'd also prefer not to add "as will the all-party talks" at the end. The important thing today is to signal that we'd like to see both Sinn Fein and the British be positive and forthcoming in their meeting tomorrow. (Despite Gerry Adams' stance that it doesn't matter whether the Unionists show up or not, the fact is if the British agree to all-party talks and the Unionist seats are empty, it would be a serious, perhaps fatal setback for the peace process.)

I am asking Martha Pope for more specifics on the nature of the business community response and how the conference is shaping up.

From: Gray, Wendy E.
To: Stephens, Kathleen D.
CC: /R, Record at A1; Marshall, Betty A.; Maxfield, Nancy H.; @CROSS - Cross Hatches
Subject: A NOTE FROM NANCY SODERBERG [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, January 30, 1995 11:59 PM

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Hi Kathy!

On the Irish memo, can you look at my edits. I added the prisoners point. Also, haven't the British dropped the disarmament point. Can we say so in the Q&A? When you say the response to the conference has been encouraging -- any specifics?

Thanks!

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