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MEMORANDUM

TO: HRC
FROM: Erika Batcheller
RE: ABC radio interview on Northern Ireland
DATE: June 22, 2000

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You are scheduled for a 10-minute interview Friday afternoon with Kathleen Lee of ABC radio. She's producing a one-hour program on the peace process in Northern Ireland. She'd like to talk to you about Vital Voices, your experiences visiting Northern Ireland and your perspective on the future of the peace process.

Kathleen recently traveled to Northern Ireland and has interviewed several key people there and in the U.S. She also attended the Vital Voices Conference in September 1998 and produced a documentary that was shown there. She mentioned that she had an opportunity to speak with you briefly at the conference.

Kathy's program, "Perspectives" is scheduled to air nationally on ABC radio this weekend.

Background follows, including:

- 1) talking points/press material from the NSC
- 2) remarks from Vital Voices conference in Belfast
- 3) information on Kathleen's program

Thanks

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Northern Ireland Key Development (Points to Make)

Restoration of Political Institutions

- Delighted that, with the historic vote by David Trimble's Ulster Unionist Council on May 27, the Northern Ireland peace process is back on track.
- Executive and Assembly are now back up and running - providing self-government to all the people of Northern Ireland on the basis of equality, consent and the use of exclusively peaceful means.
- Now possible for the politics of conflict to be transformed into the politics of consensus.
- Urge all parties to continue to work for implementation of all aspects of the Good Friday Accord.

Police Reform

- A police service that enjoys widespread support from the community as a whole is a vital element of the Good Friday Accord.
- We continue to monitor closely the implementation of the Patten Report as it makes its way through the British parliament.
- We have noted that members of Parliament have offered several amendments to the legislation, which could be debated well into the summer.
- We will not prepare the certification that is required by our law [which requires the President to certify that the British and Irish governments are committed to implementing the Patten reforms before the FBI or other U.S. law enforcement agencies can provide assistance to the RUC or its successor] until after the British legislation implementing Patten has been adopted and we have had a chance to evaluate its impact.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
The White House

For Immediate Release

May 27, 2000

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Northern Ireland: Ulster Unionist Council Vote

I am delighted that, with today's historic developments, the Northern Ireland peace process is back on track. I congratulate David Trimble and the Ulster Unionist Council on their decision to return to self-government in Northern Ireland. This is a giant step toward fulfillment of the historic promise of the Good Friday Accord: to provide self-government to all the people, on the basis of equality, consent and the use of exclusively peaceful means. The parties are now ready to reenter the Executive and Legislative Assembly in the coming days. It is now possible for the politics of conflict to be transformed into the politics of consensus. I applaud the leadership of Tony Blair, Bertie Ahern and all the parties. The wind is back in the sails of peace in Northern Ireland.

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FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
REMARKS AT VITAL VOICES CONFERENCE
BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND
SEPTEMBER 2, 1998

Thank you. Thank you very much Fiona for that introduction and even more for adding your vital voice to this conference. I'm sure if you need a note to be excused from school there's about a thousand of us who would sign it. I want to thank Sue Tibbles and Rosemary Farrington and Inez McCormack, not only for what they have said here afternoon, but for their commitment and dedication to the issues that bring all of us here to Belfast.

Lord Mayor and Minister McFaul; Assembly Members; Mrs. Trimble; Ambassador Lader; Consul General Fort; and from Dublin, Minister Wallace and Ambassador Kennedy-Smith; and conference participants and distinguished guests.

It is a great honor and a personal delight to be back in Belfast. I feel embraced by, and greeted by the sounds of so many women's vital voices. From the reports I have received while I was in Russia, and the ones I just heard, this conference has already succeeded in bringing people together and enabling them to share ideas, and to plot together to make the hoped-for peace a reality. Like all successes, this one, of course, is the product of many hands.

I want to thank everyone associated with the planning and implementation. I particularly want to thank Theresa Loar who has moderated this afternoon's session for her hard work. I want to thank Secretary of State Mo Mowlam, who brought to this task vision, dedication, and, according to my sources at Hillsborough Castle, her skills as a party hostess and dancer par excellence.

I also want to thank the new First Minister of the Assembly David Trimble and the Deputy First Minister Seamus Mallon. Not only for sponsoring and speaking at this conference on Monday, but for their leadership in making sure that the seeds of peace, once planted, can grow. I was pleased to learn that the first reception the Ministers held together was at Stormont in honor of the women delegates from this conference. And to Lord Mayor, the Belfast City Council and the entire city of Belfast, thank you for being such wonderful hosts.

As I arrived here a few minutes ago, I thought about how the River Lagan, which once carried people away from these shores, now brings them back to find the rebirth of Belfast symbolized by this stunning Waterfront. I have been privileged in a small way to witness this re-birth starting with my husband's visit in November of 1995, and my return here last October speaking at the University of Ulster and speaking here to a conference of young people. I have seen in the faces of men and women and boys and girls, a new openness, a new commitment, a new awareness of the road that has been traveled and the road that lies ahead.

I know also that the songs of U2 and other great musicians have filled the Waterfront in recent months, celebrating the transition that is occurring. But I also believe that from workshops to speeches to quiet conversations, nothing can compare to the powerful voices heard here over the last few days. Voices from every corner of Northern Ireland, as well as from Ireland, the United

States, England, Scotland, and Wales. From every tradition. From every sector of society. Every age. Women and Men. All blending into a powerful chorus calling for women to become full participants in a secure and democratic Northern Ireland. A Northern Ireland that people have hoped for, lived for, died for, and, yes, finally voted for. Tomorrow, my husband will come here to the Waterfront to address your new Assembly, and to congratulate the citizens of Northern Ireland for this hard won peace that is yours.

The last few months have shown what people here have always known: the road to peace will never be easy. But the world has also seen how no fires, bombs or terrorists will ever turn you back. When my husband and I go to Omagh tomorrow, we will pay tribute to those who were murdered by the enemies of peace. They were mostly women and children. They were Catholic and Protestant, Unionist and Nationalist, young and old. They were people simply living their lives, working at a drapery store, hanging out with friends, buying school uniforms for their children.

The terrorists targeted the people of Northern Ireland and in response, it was the people, all the people, who bravely stood side by side to say: Hatred and violence will no longer have a place here. We have chosen ballots not bombs, democracy not division, we have resolved to live in peace and we will never go back. We will only move forward. And as you do, please know that America will stand with you.

How appropriate it is that this conference takes place the first week of school — not only because it's a time for new friends and new beginnings. But also because, ultimately, our children are the reason we are here. For 30 years, parents dropped their children off for school — tucked in their shirts, kissed them goodbye, and dreamed of a time when they could play outside free from violence. Dreamed of a time when their children's opportunities and destinies would never again be limited by their place of worship or political party or by whether they're a boy or girl. Today, there is real hope that this dream, once expressed through poetry and protest, will finally be a reality for children in Northern Ireland.

None of this would have been possible were it not for the courage and strength of generations of women. Though they may have worshiped separately on Sunday, seven days a week, they all said a silent prayer for their husbands to return safely home. Seven days a week, they lived in fear that the unspeakable would happen, they would be forced to bury their own child. And yet, seven days a week, they carried on with hope and prayer that the future would be brighter, free of troubles and heartbreak.

Wives. Mothers. Sisters. Daughters. Few were household names. But, having seen their lives and communities torn apart by violence, women came together as women have always done — around kitchen tables, at the market, in gatherings like this. It was women whose whispers of "enough," became a torrent of voices that could no longer be ignored. If we listen carefully, their voices still echo through this room and lift ours up today.

If we listen, we can hear the voices of women who withstood jeers and threats, prejudice and violence to make themselves heard in a political world once reserved primarily for men. We can

hear the voices of women in Craigavon, who, instead of burrowing into their sorrow...used the power of the pen to heal by writing and sharing their poetry, short stories, essays and plays. In one poem, Madge Steele writes about finding common ground:

Weave the threads of real friendship with the colors of life
Use the pattern of Peace and leave out the strife
Thread the friends that are young along with the old
And you'll find on your loom a fabric of Gold.

If we listen, we can hear the voices of those who helped weave this fabric of Gold...grassroots activists like the late Joyce McCarten, who literally wove communities together through the Troubles. Three years ago, when I met Joyce at Ye Olde Lamplighter on Lower Ormeau Road. Around a small wooden table, we sipped tea and talked about what had brought these women together. How they realized that history and religion were keeping them apart even when they all wanted the same things: Good jobs and good schools for their children. Streets you could walk down safely. Security and prosperity you could count on. A future you could believe in.

Hardly a radical agenda. But, for this, Joyce was called a "trouble-maker." Well, she had another name for herself, and when she met me she proudly announced that she called herself a "Family Feminist." Because saving families was the goal of all she did. I have met many family feminists around the world. In South Africa, Bosnia, Kazakhstan, Russia, and China, Nicaragua, Brazil, Pakistan and India. Places that are riven by strife, by disagreement, by conflict caused by racial religious ethnic tribal differences. Yet in the midst of even the worst of times, there are women like these who stand up and say - stop for a minute please, think about what is really important for us and our children.

I met such women at the Vital Voices conference in Austria. Inspired by Ambassador Swanee Hunt, who is here with us today. I met them at the United Nations Conference on Women in Beijing, where I remembered clearly the banners that were created by women from every part of the world. They spread those banners across the Great Wall. Woven into them were the dreams of women, who may have worn different clothes, eaten different foods, followed different religions, and talked in different languages...but they spoke the same mother tongue — the language of freedom and hope.

And they sent a clear message: Economic progress depends on the women's progress. Democratic progress depends on women's progress. Human rights are women's rights and women's rights are human rights. And this conference is part of an on-going global initiative that is making those points over and over again and in the process transforming women's lives and societies.

What better time to recommit ourselves to these basic truths than in this year of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We're not talking about paying lip service to rights written down on a piece of paper and filed away. Rather, we're talking about how we treat each other at home and work, at church and school and in political assemblies: Are we valued? Do we have the food, health care, education, shelter, the income we need to survive

and flourish. Do we have access to the opportunities to help us reach our God-given potentials.

Now many of the women here in Northern Ireland and throughout the world with whom I have met, know nothing of this Universal Declaration of Rights. But they know in their hearts and souls, that in spite of all they are told by culture and tradition, they were endowed with God-given rights, as surely as they were born into the human family. And the reason we want those rights is not merely to make a statement, or to be part of a political movement, but because we want to help create a better world, a world in which we can walk safely and we can live peacefully together with those who are like us and are unlike us, because we want our dignity and the dignity of all human beings respected.

In Beijing, I was particularly moved by the banner created by women of this Island. On it, was a picture of a red-haired woman standing on top of the world. And since that day in 1995, it's amazing how far she's climbed in Northern Ireland alone.

Who would have thought that the majority of women from both traditions would step forward and vote "yes" on a Peace Agreement? Who would have thought that when the first Assembly convenes, its seats will be filled with 14 women? And who would have thought that the Agreement would demand a society that is truly inclusive? Not just all religions and political parties. But of all women and men alike.

As my good friend, Secretary of State Albright likes to say, advancing the cause of women is "not just the right thing to do. It is the smart thing to do for any society." It was the smart thing for women to clear the path for reconciliation that brought us to this day. And it is the smart thing for women to play a central role in the reconstruction that will usher in a Northern Ireland that fulfills the promise of democracy, prosperity, and yes, peace, for all its citizens. Because as you well know the Peace Agreement was the beginning, not the end.

What you have been doing here is thinking through in practical ways what must be done to fulfill the promise of peace, you know better than I it will take far more than discussions, conferences and reports. The hopes for peace will have to be translated into the hard work of practical action and political compromise, not only in the Assembly, but in every corner of society. So the real challenge of this conference starts as we leave. How will each of us work to fulfill the promise of peace? That, of course, will be up to the men and women of Northern Ireland to decide. But, based on what we know about the conditions that promote peace and prosperity, we, I think, can agree on basic goals: All people must have access to the tools of opportunity—good education, quality healthcare. Good jobs, loans and credit. The kinds of opportunities that will give responsible people of whatever backgrounds the chance to move forward into the 21st century with confidence.

If we are to fulfill the promise of peace, we have to translate into practical action what these goals mean. How do we, for example have an education system that serves the needs of young people moving in a very different world, dominated by the global economy? How do we make available the kinds of credits that small business people need to build a thriving economy from the ground up in the most depressed areas of Northern Ireland? How do we work to make sure

that, loans and microcredit financing are available, that the businesses, the government and particularly the banks here will meet the needs of people anxious to demonstrate that they can build economic opportunities for themselves?

If the promise of peace is to be fulfilled, then all people must be safe from violence. And in particular all women must be safe from violence, whether it happens in their homes or on the streets. Domestic violence which breathes the conditions of violence and aggressiveness setting one person against another must be seen for what it is: a crime, not a family matter. If the promise is peace is to be fulfilled, then all women and men must feel free to make their voices heard through the ballot box and the soap box. Now there are many goals and you have discussed them all here at this conference.

Surely, these goals require a guarantee of equal opportunity and democracy and that is what you have chosen. But, as our country has learned, democracy is hard work. It is a never-ending struggle. You never get it right, there is no perfect democracy, and its success ultimately depends not just on laws and institutions, but on attitudes and values. On getting along with people with whom you have profound differences. On the lessons we taught children as they are tucked into bed at night.

If you think just about women and girls, what are some of those lessons we want women and girls here and throughout the world to be learning. We teach our girls that we value them, not for what they look like, but for what they think, feel, do and dream? Will our businesses do more to help women get child care and other tools they need to successfully balance work and family...so that no women never have to make the choice between the job they need to put food on the table and the time they must give to the children they love? When a woman speaks up in the home, or the community, or the Assembly, will she listen as carefully and respectfully as if she were a man? And, as women, will we finally respect each other's choices? Will we admit that there is no model for women today that is one size fits all? That we can choose full time work or full-time motherhood and home-making, or like most women, doing both at certain parts of our lives. And will we support the choices that each of us makes.

As you struggle both with issues unique to Northern Ireland and with ones experienced by women everywhere, I want you to know that the American government, the American people, and the larger worldwide community want to help you succeed.

What women have said over the last few days is they want the tools to lift up their voices and the lives of their families. And in this room are partners who want to help them do just that. We already heard from two, the Body Shop and Ford Motor Company.

I want to applaud the more than \$2 million in partnerships committed to the outcomes of this conference. They come from all sectors of society and they are dedicated to diverse areas like political leadership and media training, mentoring and most importantly economic development. This is just the beginning.

We leave here today with a commitment from the U.S. Department of Labor and the Northern

Ireland Employment and Training Agency to improve women's access to jobs, child care, and training. We leave here with a commitment from the Institute of Directors [a group of European executives] to help women in middle management get the mentoring and training they need to succeed in European and world markets.

We leave here with commitments from corporations ranging from Xerox to MCI and from America Online to Marriott, which, for example, will provide internships for young people in the tourism industry. And I have to say, as I flew in from Moscow today, and was coming down to land over the landscape of Northern Ireland, I thought to myself, this is one of the most beautiful places on God's earth. A place that many people will want to come to visit to see for themselves. We leave here with commitments from the President and Secretary of State of the United States that our government will be vigorously engaged in turning the conference's partnerships into results.

And we are encouraged to learn that our Northern Ireland partners are establishing a follow-up mechanism to carry all of this forward.

As we leave here, let us pledge to each other that this is only the beginning...that, as the Peace Agreement is implemented, the voices we raised will never fade away. Instead, they will spread into every community, and as Inez reminded us they will be joined by many others who are not in this hall today.

Because, regardless of whether a man or women voted yes or no on the peace agreement now in a democracy, every single citizen has a role to play in fulfilling the promise of peace. It will take businesses and non-governmental organizations. Churches of every tradition inspiring us to use our faith as a source of strength and unity. It will take men of all ages, because this struggle can never and will never be won without them. It will take all of you here, the women of Northern Ireland speaking out whenever injustices arise, to point out opportunities to face up to challenges and to speak for those who are still voiceless.

It will take young people like Fiona. Just a months ago, I had the opportunity to meet Fiona and other young women and men who had come to Washington with Project Children and the Children's Friendship Project. Some of them are here today. One, Vicky Moore, interned in my office and stood in the Forum elections for her constituency.

Another, Janette Rooney, stayed in our nation's capital for six weeks, learning about leadership, community service, and how to build bridges of understanding between diverse communities. But on the day before Janette returned to her home in County Tyrone, the Omagh bomb went off. Several of her fellow students turned on CNN and saw their own friends being taken away to the hospital. One of Janette's best friends was killed.

When the director of the Children's Friendship Project called Janette at home a few days later to extend her condolences, Janette's mother mentioned how her daughter had just received an invitation to this Vital Voices conference. How, during this time of suffering and unspeakable loss, this conference gave Janette something to look forward to. And how proud her mother was

that her daughter was part of the solution...part of the new generation...part of the future of Northern Ireland. For that is what you are helping to create.

Tomorrow, I will visit with the Lord Mayor and others one of the beautiful green spaces in Belfast. It is the kind of place any mother or father would want their children to be able to play freely. There's a new partnership being formed between an American partnership named KaBOOM, and PlayBoard, a Northern Ireland organization devoted to creating safe environments for children to play. They hope to create such an environment somewhere in Belfast.

And what they build won't be some adult's vision of what sparks a child's imagination. The children themselves will design this space. They will be the architects of their own environment. In a way that is a metaphor for what's happening in Northern Ireland, isn't it. All of you are now the architects of a new environment. You are ultimately those who will determine whether the children of Northern Ireland can play like children should...without respect to religion or politics, without stereotyping or name calling, without fear or violence. That is for me the ultimate dream I see in my mind's eye, as I land here in your airport, as I travel the streets, as I look into the faces of the people standing on the curbs waving at my car. I believe that will happen, and when it does we will think back to this conference and we will know that women's voices played a vital role in fulfilling this promise of peace for all citizens of Northern Ireland - for men and women, for boys and girls.

May God bless you in this important work and the future you will build together.

Thank you very much.

**ABC News Radio Interview Proposal
For The First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton**

Subject: The Northern Ireland Peace Process

ABC Radio Program: "Perspective" – a one-hour weekly magazine-style radio show

On over 300 radio stations around the U.S.

Reporter: Kathleen Lee, ABC News, New York

Proposed dates/time: week of June 12th, in accordance with Mrs. Clinton's schedule

The proposed interview would take between approximately 10-15 minutes. I am most interested in Mrs. Clinton's reflections of her time in Northern Ireland and her relationships forged with women throughout the province. After visiting there last week and interviewing many residents there, numerous people referred to Mrs. Clinton and President Clinton as tremendous role models. Therefore, I think it would be appropriate to include the First Lady's thoughts and feelings on the people of Northern Ireland.

The proposed topics for discussion include: Mrs. Clinton's women's initiatives (the Vital Voices Conference), her experiences when visiting Northern Ireland, and if she would like to comment on the future of the region, economically and politically.

The interview will be used in conjunction with interviews I have already conducted or am scheduled to speak with, both in Northern Ireland and in the U.S. (Already interviewed: **First Minister David Trimble, Mr. John Hume, Mr. Gerry Adams, Senator George Mitchell, Ms. Monica Mc Williams, Mr. David Ervine, Sir Reg Empey, Ms. Anne Smith, U.S. Representatives Peter King and Joe Crowley.** Proposed upcoming interviewees: President Clinton, Mr. Peter Mandelson, Senator Edward Kennedy (all still pending), and in Washington: Mr. Peter Smyth, Rosemary O'Neill and Mrs. Jean Kennedy Smith, as well as numerous private individuals in Northern Ireland.)

The program could be described as a retrospective report of the changing nature of Northern Ireland over the last two years and where it is heading in the future. As someone who has played a large role in helping to establish lines of communications between the various communities in Northern Ireland, Mrs. Clinton's insights into the region and it's people would greatly enhance the program. The show "Perspective" simply put, is a show that describes people.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this possible interview. I sincerely hope that the First Lady's schedule might enable her participation in the program. My contact #'s in New York are: **212-265-5485 OR 201-362-5929.** Our ABC office number is **212-456-5100**, but I will be out working on the show for most of next week.

Many thanks,

Kathleen Lee
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→ Erica Butzelle
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Norland, Richard B. (EUR)

From: Norland, Richard B. (EUR)
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2000 9:00 AM
To: Crowley, Philip J. (PRESS)
Cc: @BLINKEN; @PRESS - Public Affairs; Steinberg, James
Subject: RE: URGENT REQUEST FOR PRESS GUIDANCE [UNCLASSIFIED]

2 Themes: (1) how much has been accomplished.
(2) U.S. hope + confidence that momentum can be restored. Given.

DRAFT: Northern Ireland - Anniversary of Good Friday Accord

Q. April 8 marked the second anniversary of the Good Friday Accord -- where are we in the peace process?

A. Historic accomplishments have taken place over the past two years, and with additional good will and compromise by key parties, all aspects of the Good Friday Accord can still be implemented. With each passing day, Northern Ireland continues to move toward greater normality.

- Paramilitary ceasefires are still in place; no serious party believes its aims can be achieved through violence.
- Constitutional reforms have been enshrined that guarantee there will be no changes in territorial status without the consent of the majority.
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- The presence of military forces in everyday life has dropped significantly.
- Reforms are underway to make policing and the judicial system acceptable to all sides of the community.
- Prospects have been opened up for unprecedented cooperation on economic and social issues across the border and between the islands of Ireland and Britain.
- Political institutions providing for local rule have been established, and will -- we hope -- be restored to full operation in the near future.
- Inward investment and local job creation have been on the upswing during the climate of increasing confidence.

Q. But there has been no decommissioning of paramilitary weapons -- if this is still the case on May 22 [two years from approval of the GFA by referendum] can't it be said the Accord is dead?

A. Absolutely not -- refer you to points above. GFA is contributing to improvements in the lives of the people of Northern Ireland and will continue to do so.

- Clearly there are still aspects of the Accord that have yet to be implemented in full, and precisely for this reason we call on all parties to take the steps needed to build confidence on each side and restore momentum to this process.
- The United States strongly supports the process; President Clinton will do anything he can to help the governments and the parties as they consider the difficult steps ahead.
- Meanwhile, it is vital that the ceasefires remain intact and that the brutal, barbaric practice of so-called "punishment attacks" be brought to an end immediately.

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Here's what we'll need for today:

@ASIA: How does USG feel about Korea summit? What are prospects for success?

@ASIA: Has the USG underestimated or ignored extent of PRC's concern over Taiwan?

TALKING POINTS

- The United States has great hope and confidence that the peace process momentum can be restored. We encourage all parties involved to continue to forge ahead to fully implement all elements of the accord.
- The United States strongly supports the peace process; President Clinton will continue to do anything he can to foster goodwill and cooperation between key parties in order to move the peace process along.
- Historic accomplishments have taken place in the two years since adoption of the Good Friday Accord and we are confident that more progress can be made to further improve the lives of the people of Northern Ireland.
- We have seen great changes since the accord was reached: Paramilitary ceasefires remain intact, constitutional reforms have been made and political institutions providing for local rule are under development.
- It is vital to the peace process that the ceasefires remain intact to encourage further progress in meeting all aspects of the Good Friday Accord.

Adrian Fanning Irish Radio

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DATE: April 10, 2000

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Show notes

- 1st parade as marcher in NY
also in Chicago
- marched entire parade
- Joe Crowley - slept in basement
So I did stay at their house
- I love Belfast -
- do hard work of bldg peace ~ Reginald

Adrian Flannery - radio show

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Q. But there has been no decommissioning of paramilitary weapons -- if this is still the case on May 22 [two years from approval of the GFA by referendum] can't it be said the Accord is dead?

A. Absolutely not -- refer you to points above. GFA is contributing to improvements in the lives of the people of Northern Ireland and will continue to do so.

- Clearly there are still aspects of the Accord that have yet to be implemented in full, and precisely for this reason we call on all parties to take the steps needed to build confidence on each side and restore momentum to this process.
- The United States strongly supports the process; President Clinton will do anything he can to help the governments and the parties as they consider the difficult steps ahead.
- Meanwhile, it is vital that the ceasefires remain intact and that the brutal, barbaric practice of so-called "punishment attacks" be brought to an end immediately.

-----Original Message-----

From: Crowley, Philip J. (PRESS)
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2000 8:01 AM
To: @ALLNSC - NSC Staff
Subject: URGENT REQUEST FOR PRESS GUIDANCE [UNCLASSIFIED]

Here's what we'll need for today:

@ASIA: How does USG feel about Korea summit? What are prospects for success?

@ASIA: Has the USG underestimated or ignored extent of PRC's concern over Taiwan?

To Melanie + Lisa -

(Hilary: I am sorry neither of these
worked out. Shall we do any follow up -
like a note? Could we reschedule
2 messages from Mike Sullivan,
your Irish courier.

any of the No. Irish / Irish / BBC
press we missed to get our story
out? HRC

* The word may a Dublin,
Mary Freehill will be in

NY Sat. March 4 - Tues (p.m.) March 7.
She is coming to announce the short
list of the Impact Literary Awards.
She is also meeting with Giuliani - She
would be happy to do something
with you.

(Alan Weinstein may have already
delivered this message).

Her contact person is Clare Ennis
at ~~676~~ 676 - 1845
671 - 2401

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* George Jones a Northern Ireland
reporter for the BBC will be in
NYC 3/14-3/19 to cover St. Patrick's events.

He would like to film you doing a
"message of peace + hope" to the
people of Northern Ireland. He
told Mike Sullivan that you have
contributed greatly to the peace process
and are well liked.

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