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005. email	White House Situation Room to Lawrence Butler. Subject: Visa Exclusion Waiver Policy - Belfast Information [transmitting Belfast 0084] [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (1 page)	03/02/1998	P3/b(3), b(7)(C), b(6)
006. memo	Don Heflin to Larry Butler et al. Subject: [None] [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (1 page)	03/04/1998	P3/b(3)
007. email	White House Situation Room to Lawrence Butler. Subject: Dublin Info on Sinn Fein Applicants. [transmitting Dublin 001037] [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (1 page)	02/25/1998	P3/b(3)
008. report	Ted Howell to Cathy Stephens. [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (5 pages)	02/09/1998	P3/b(3)

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010a. email	Don Heflin to Larry Butler et al. Subject: Ferris, Martin (Dublin 270). [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (1 page)	01/15/1998	P3/b(3), b(7)(C), b(7)(F), b(6)
010b. cable	re: SAO Request (Ferris, Martin Joseph). [Dublin 000270] [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (5 pages)	01/15/1998	P3/b(3)
011. memo	Don Heflin to Larry Butler. Subject: Rita O'Hare. [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (1 page)	01/21/1998	P3/b(3), b(7)(C), b(7)(E)
012. email	Don Heflin to Larry Butler et al. Subject: Kenny McClinton (Belfast 7) [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (1 page)	01/14/1998	P3/b(3)
013. cable	re: SAO - NIV Application [Belfast 0007] [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (1 page)	01/12/1998	P3/b(3)
014a. email	Donald Heflin to Larry Butler et al. Subject: 3 "retired terrorist" cases (Carberry, Culbert, and O'Doherty) [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (1 page)	11/19/1997	P3/b(3), b(7)(C), b(7)(F), b(6)
014b. cable	re: SAO - NIV Application [Belfast 0407]. [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (1 page)	11/10/1997	P3/b(3)
014c. cable	re: SAO Request [Dublin 006046] [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (1 page)	11/12/1997	P3/b(3)
014d. cable	re: Visa Waiver Request for Ivor James Carberry. [Belfast 0403] [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (4 pages)	11/05/1997	P3/b(3)
015. form	Fax Cover Sheet from Dublin Embassy [partial] (1 page)	11/10/1997	b(6)

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017a. email	Don Heflin to Larry Butler et al. Subject: New Irish Case (O'Hanlon). [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (1 page)	11/10/1997	P3/b(3), b(7)(C), b(7)(F), b(6)
017b. cable	re: SAO - NIV Application. [Belfast 0406] [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (2 pages)	11/07/1997	P3/b(3)
018a. email	Don Heflin to Larry Butler et al. Subject: Martin McGuinness. [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (1 page)	11/05/1997	P3/b(3), b(7)(C), b(7)(F), b(6)
018b. cable	[Incomplete cable related to Martin McGuinness. Pages 3-5 only] (3 pages)	11/05/1997	P3/b(3)
019. email	White House Situation Room to Lawrence Butler. Subject: SAO - NIV Application. [transmitting Belfast 0394] [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (3 pages)	10/30/1997	P3/b(3)
020. email	White House Situation Room to Lawrence Butler. Subject: Visa Waiver Request for Ivor James Carberry [transmitting Belfast 0403] [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (1 page)	11/05/1997	P3/b(3)
021. email	Steven Kashkett to Steven Kashkett. Subject: Sinn Fein - Washington. [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (1 page)	01/26/1998	P3/b(3)
022a. email	Don Heflin to Larry Butler et al. Subject: 11/7 overview of pending IRA waiver cases. [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (2 pages)	11/07/1997	P3/b(3), b(7)(C), b(7)(F), b(6)
022b. cable	[Near Duplicate of 020] re: Visa Waiver Request for Ivor James Carberry. [Belfast 0403] [8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (4 pages)	11/05/1997	P3/b(3)
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025. memo	Don Heflin to Larry Butler et al. Subject: 1. Gerry Adams' 2/13 Visa Application 2. List of...visa problems....[8 U.S.C. 1202(f)] (4 pages)	02/17/1998	P3/b(3), b(7)(C), b(7)(E), b(7)(F), b(6)
026. note	For Jim [Steinberg]. Subject: Call to Gerry Adams. (2 pages)	00/00/1998	P1/b(1)

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NEWS LETTER, Friday, February 20, 1998 3

Mowlam lashed over chat with woman on run

ULSTER Unionists have slammed Secretary of State Mo Mowlam over a Dublin meeting with Sinn Fein's Rita O'Hare, who is wanted by the RUC in connection with the attempted murder of a soldier.

It is understood the Secretary of State spent approximately 25 minutes chatting with the self-confessed terrorist at a reception hosted by Bertie Ahern in Dublin Castle on Monday night. The meeting ended abruptly when Dr Mowlam was ushered away by senior advisors.

O'Hare is still wanted in connection with the attempted murder of Army officer Frazer Patton near her former home in Andersonstown in 1971.

She was captured after being shot in the head, thigh and stomach during a gun battle. However, she was bailed and after receiving hospital treatment, fled to Dublin.

She was jailed for three years in 1975 by Dublin's criminal court for smuggling explosives into the high-security Portlaoise Prison, but has escaped three attempts to have her extradited.

While she has taken no part in the Stormont negotiations, O'Hare was a member of the party's team which took part in the Dublin leg, although she was not named in its legal action against expulsion from the Talks.

East Londonderry MP William Ross also had harsh words for members of his own party who at-



RITA O'HARE

tended the function at which the meeting took place.

"Many unionists will be appalled by the spectacle of Unionist Party members attending a reception hosted by Bertie Ahern to share a drink with people such as Rita O'Hare," he said.

Ulster Unionist Party spokesman David Brewster said: "It is outrageous that the Secretary of State thinks it appropriate to meet a self-confessed would-be murderer. Ms O'Hare's membership of the Sinn Fein delegation shows clearly that party's commitment to democracy is a sham which the Secretary of State has endorsed by her foolish action."

In a statement, a spokesperson for the NIO said: "The Secretary of State met various delegations from various parties. One of those delegations was from Sinn Fein and Rita O'Hare was one of the designated members of that delegation."

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From: Kathleen Stephens
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Date: 02/10/98

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COMMENT:

This is the list from Sinn Fein of visa applicants. We are preparing a cable which provides more detail.

Cc: Steve Kashkett, EUR/UBI, DOS
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(Officer Name)**8/8**
(Office symbol)**847-8448**
(Extension)**7224**
(Room number)Message Description: Cable to **BELFAST:** **VISA EXCLUSION WAIVER POLICY FOR**
NORTHERN IRELAND REPUBLICAN/LOYALIST GROUPS (9801078)

To (Agency):	Deliver To:	Extension	Room No.
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SUBJECT: VISA EXCLUSION WAIVER POLICY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND
- REPUBLICAN/LOYALIST GROUPS

REF: LONDON 12266

1. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE. SEE PARAGRAPH 4.

2. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY LONDON (REFTel) THAT WE SHOULD INSTITUTE A PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH THE NUMEROUS APPLICATIONS FOR WAIVERS OF CRIMINAL AND/OR TERRORIST INELIGIBILITIES FOR VISAS FOR INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS. THE NUMBER OF THESE APPLICATIONS, FROM BOTH REPUBLICAN AND LOYALIST ORGANIZATIONS, HAS INCREASED SINCE THE IRA CEASE-FIRE BEGAN LAST JULY. CONSIDERATION OF THESE WAIVERS ON AN AD-HOC BASIS, OFTEN ON SHORT NOTICE, HAS BEEN TIME-CONSUMING AND INEFFICIENT AND COULD LEAD TO PERCEPTIONS OF UNEQUAL TREATMENT.

3. OUR OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO SUPPORT THE PEACE PROCESS BY APPROVING A LIST OF PERSONS WITH INELIGIBILITIES FOR WHOM EXPEDITED VISA ISSUANCE WOULD CONSTITUTE A USG

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"CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURE" THAT WOULD HELP THE NEGOTIATIONS---A KEY USG INTEREST. THIS LIST WOULD BE COMPOSED OF CERTAIN INELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAY LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THOSE POLITICAL PARTIES WORKING ACTIVELY IN SUPPORT OF THE MULTI-PARTY TALKS. IN ORDER TO REGULARIZE THIS POLICY, HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH ADVANCE LISTS OF INDIVIDUALS WHOM THE PARTIES THEMSELVES MIGHT WANT TO SEND TO THE UNITED STATES ON BUSINESS RELATED TO THE PEACE PROCESS. THE PARTIES SHOULD BE ASKED TO INDICATE ANY INDIVIDUALS ON THE LIST WHOM THEY HAVE REASON TO THINK MIGHT BE INELIGIBLE FOR A VISA WITHOUT A WAIVER. ONCE THE PARTIES HAVE SUBMITTED THESE NAMES, DEPARTMENT WILL COORDINATE WITH JUSTICE, FBI, AND NSC TO REACH CONSENSUS ON THOSE INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WHO, COULD BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING, AND FOR WHOM WAIVERS WOULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE IN THE USG INTEREST (IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PEACE PROCESS) (SIMILAR LISTS HAD BEEN PREPARED DURING THE 1994-95 IRA CEASE-FIRE).

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AS THE FIRST STEP IN THIS EFFORT, CG BELFAST IS INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH THE RELEVANT PARTIES (SINN FEIN, THE ULSTER DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND THE PROGRESSIVE UNIONIST PARTY) TO REQUEST THAT THEY PUT FORWARD NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHOM THEY WOULD PROPOSE FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES. THE PARTIES SHOULD ALSO INDICATE ANY INDIVIDUALS WHOM THEY HAVE REASON TO THINK MIGHT BE INELIGIBLE FOR A VISA WITHOUT A WAIVER. CG BELFAST MAY INDICATE THAT THE CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION ON OUR FINAL LIST WILL INCLUDE THE INDIVIDUAL'S INVOLVEMENT IN AND SUPPORT FOR THE PEACE PROCESS AND WHETHER HE OR SHE IS SOUGHT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE NATURE OF THE ACT THAT RENDERED THE INDIVIDUAL INELIGIBLE WILL ALSO BE RELEVANT. CG SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT, EVEN FOR INDIVIDUALS APPROVED FOR THIS LIST, THE USG WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PURPOSE OF THE APPLICANTS' TRAVEL IN MAKING A FINAL DECISION WHETHER TO GRANT THE WAIVER, AND, IF WE DO, WITH WHAT RESTRICTIONS. IN ADDITION, IF NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICANT BECOMES KNOWN TO US AFTER A DECISION TO INCLUDE HIM/HER ON THE LIST, WE MAY RECONSIDER THAT PERSON'S INCLUSION.

5. THE PARTIES NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY BEAR THE BURDEN OF JUSTIFYING THE TRAVEL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS AND OF ENSURING THAT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED WITH SUFFICIENT TIME FOR PROCESSING---NORMALLY NOT LESS THAN 10 DAYS. WASHINGTON WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THE FINAL

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DECISIONS ON WAIVERS AND ON THE MAXIMUM DURATION OF VISA WHICH WASHINGTON WOULD AUTHORIZE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL, BUT APPLICANTS ON THE FINAL LIST WILL HAVE SHORTER AND MORE PREDICTABLE PROCESSING TIMES.

6. IN ADDITION TO NAMES SUBMITTED BY THE PARTIES, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER RECOMMENDING FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING, ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WHO HAVE DISASSOCIATED THEMSELVES FROM PARAMILITARIES, RENOUNCED VIOLENCE, AND WORK FOR THE COMMUNITY, WHEN POST RECOMMENDS SUCH CASES AND DETERMINES THAT A SIGNIFICANT USG OR HUMANITARIAN INTEREST WOULD BE SERVED.

7. AFTER RECEIVING THE NAMES FROM THE PARTIES AND COORDINATING WITH OTHER AGENCIES, DEPARTMENT WILL NOTIFY POSTS WHEN THE FINAL NAMES HAVE BEEN VETTED FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING.

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McEldowney, Nancy E.

From: McEldowney, Nancy E.
Sent: Friday, January 09, 1998 12:48 PM
To: Storey, Sharon V.
Cc: @EUROPE - European Affairs
Subject: RE: Bitterlich in Washington Feb 12-13 [CONFIDENTIAL]

Sharon: thanks very much. We'll start priming the issues pump.

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

From: Storey, Sharon V.
Sent: Friday, January 09, 1998 12:27 PM
To: McEldowney, Nancy E.; @NSA - Natl Security Advisor
Cc: @EUROPE - European Affairs
Subject: RE: Bitterlich in Washington Feb 12-13 [CONFIDENTIAL]

Nancy, I spoke to Bitterlich's office yesterday afternoon. Sandy has agreed to dinner on Thursday the 12th and has asked me to hold a 2 hour block on either the 12th or 13th. Bitterlich's office will let me know as their schedule firms up. Thanks

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

From: McEldowney, Nancy E.
Sent: Friday, January 09, 1998 10:30 AM
To: @NSA - Natl Security Advisor
Cc: @EUROPE - European Affairs
Subject: Bitterlich in Washington Feb 12-13 [CONFIDENTIAL]

Rob: Bonn tells me that Bitterlich will be in town Feb 12-13, and believes he has a confirmed dinner with Sandy on Feb 12. Does this sound right to you? Thanks, Nancy

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McEldowney, Nancy E.

From: SitRoom
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SUBJECT: HOLOCAUST COMPENSATION: CJMC/FRG DEAL ON
EASTERN SURVIVORS

1. SECTIONS OF THIS REPORT ARE SENSITIVE BUT
UNCLASSIFIED; PLEASE HANDLE ACCORDINGLY.

2. (U) SUMMARY: THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
CONFERENCE ON JEWISH MATERIAL CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY
(CJMC) ISSUED PARALLEL PRESS RELEASES JANUARY 12,
CONFIRMING THAT THE TWO SIDES AGREED IN EFFECT ON FRG
FUNDING OF PENSIONS FOR A LARGE GROUP OF HOLOCAUST
SURVIVORS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE. THE DEAL,
WHICH A SENIOR CJMC FIGURE PREVIEWED IN UPBEAT TERMS
WITH THE AMBASSADOR, IS TO BE FORMALIZED FEBRUARY 12.
CHANCELLERY MINISTER BOHL, EXPECTED IN WASHINGTON THEN
IN THIS CONNECTION, SHOULD ALSO BE RECEIVED IN THE
DEPARTMENT. END SUMMARY.

3. (U) PRESS RELEASES BY THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
AND THE CONFERENCE ON JEWISH MATERIAL CLAIMS AGAINST
GERMANY (CJMC) ISSUED JANUARY 12 DESCRIBED THE OUTLINES
OF A DEAL BETWEEN THE TWO, UNDER WHICH THE CJMC IS TO
ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A FUND FOR PREVIOUSLY
UNCOMPENSATED JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZI PERSECUTION IN
CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE (CEE) AND THE FORMER SOVIETG
UNION. GERMANY ANNOUNCED IT WOULD TRANSFER DM 200
MILLION (APRX. USD 115 MILLION) TO THE CJMC OVER FOUR
YEARS, BEGINNING IN 1999. ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPENSATION
IS TO BE BASED ON THE SAME CRITERIA AS APPLY UNDER THE
"ARTICLE 2" FUND CREATED AFTER GERMAN UNITY. (TEXTS OF
BOTH PRESS RELEASE FAXED TO EUR/AGS JANUARY 12.)

4. (SBU) THE FRG PRESS RELEASE NOTED THAT THE
"MODALITIES FOR PAYMENTS" WOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE
FUND. (COMMENT: THE CJMC IS THUS FREE TO CONDUCT A
PROGRAM OF "RECURRENT PAYMENTS" -- PENSIONS -- OF DM
250 PER MONTH WITHOUT THE FRG BEING PARTY DIRECTLY TO
THAT DECISION; THIS GIVES BONN SOME COVER, THE FRG
HOPES, AGAINST DEMANDS FROM NON-JEWISH EASTERN EUROPEAN
CLAIMANTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED OR STAND TO RECEIVE ONLY
ONE-TIME PAYMENTS UNDER OTHER PROGRAMS. END COMMENT.)
THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT STATED THAT, IRRESPECTIVE OF THIS

NEW PROGRAM FOR JEWISH VICTIMS FUNDED THROUGH THE CJMC, BONN WOULD STILL FINANCE PLANNED FOUNDATIONS IN CEE STATES (LIKE THOSE OPERATING IN RUSSIA AND POLAND) THAT COMPENSATE NAZI VICTIMS.

5. (SBU) CJMC EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT SAUL KAGAN TELEPHONED THE AMBASSADOR JANAUARY 8 TO APPRISE HIM OF THE AGREEMENT, WHICH HAD BEEN REACHED THE DAY BEFORE IN TALKS WITH CHANCELLERY MINISTER FREIDRICH BOHL (CDU). KAGAN PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, SOME OF WHICH HAS FIGURED IN PRESS REPORTS:

-- ON THE STRENGTH OF THE FRG'S COMMITMENT TO BEGIN PAYMENTS TO THE CLAIMS CONFERENCE IN 1999, THE CJMC WOULD BE ABLE TO BEGIN PAYING PENSIONS IN 1998 OUT OF PRESENT ASSETS.

-- THE TWO SIDES WERE WORKING ON AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CJMC WOULD BE PERMITTED IN THE YEAR 2000 TO RETURN TO THE QUESTION OF THE SUMS AVAILABLE FOR EASTERN SURVIVORS.

-- BOHL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THERE SHOULD ALSO BE ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR ARTICLE 2 CLAIMANTS IN THE WEST. (UNCLEAR IF THIS MEANT MORE FOR CURRENT BENEFICIARIES OR SOME BROADENING OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AS DESIRED BY CJMC.)

-- THE CJMC INVITED BOHL TO WASHINGTON FOR A "FORMAL MEETING" ON FEBURARY 12 TO FINALIZE THE DEAL. ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOULD MEET THAT DAY TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT. BOHL WAS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL GATHERING OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AT THE U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM ON FEBRUARY 14; KAGAN THEREFORE THOUGHT IT FAIR TO ASSUME BOHL WOULD COME AS INVITED ON FEBRUARY 12.

-- THE CJMC HAD TOLD BOHL IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT THAT HE BRING WITH HIM AN FRG COMMITMENT ON WESTERN SURVIVORS. BOHL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD (I.E., HE DID NOT COMMIT TO DO SO).

6. (U) ACCORDING TO MR. KAGAN, THE CJMC PLANS TO UNVEIL THE AGREEMENT AT A RECEPTION ON FEBRUARY 12 IN WASHINGTON, TO WHICH IT HOPES BOHL, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, AND A/S GROSSMAN, INTER ALIA, WILL COME. BOHL'S VISIT WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS TO TAKE UP OTHER ISSUES WITH BOHL, WHOSE JOB AND RELATIONSHIP TO CHANCELLOR KOHL ARE ANALAGOUS TO THOSE OF WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF. AS UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 BONN 000306

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HIS TRAVEL PLANS FIRM UP, WE WILL FOLLOW WITH A RECOMMENDATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND ISSUES TO RAISE.

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Heflin, Donald L (MsMall)

To: NSC - Larry Butler fax 456-9150
Subject: Irish visa waiver cases

Jan. 7

Larry,

There are none pending, BUT:

DOJ is expressing angst that Kashkett's draft cable on the "list" idea has never gone out. The last time I checked, it was at NSC. DOJ points out that we are likely to get a wave of visa requests for St. Patrick's season, and we're losing some of the time needed to get the list system in place before then. Since the list system was one of the things that got them to climb down on Gerry Kelly, I think it possible that DOJ would not be as willing to use the expedited process on the St. Patrick's day bunch if the list system isn't on its way before they start applying, which I would guess would be early February. Do you anticipate that the cable will go out soon, or is there a problem?

Please advise. Thanks. Don Heflin 663-1198

Heflin, Donald L (MsMail)

To: NSC/EUR - Larry Butler 456-9150 EUR/UBI - SKashkett 7-3463
Cc: S - Jim O'Brien 7-0753 DOJ/OIPR - 514-7858 FBI - Carol Stroud 324-0711
Subject: Kenny MCCLINTON, "retired terrorists" and EUR/UBI's draft cable

Larry,

I understand that you talked to DOJ today, that you will be reviewing EUR/UBI's draft cable on the "list" for visa waivers soon, and that you may have some changes.

It strikes me that people like McClinton, and other "retired terrorists," including some fairly famous people, might or might not ever make it onto the lists submitted by the various parties at the peace table. Thus, expedited processing would be denied those who have renounced violence and disassociated themselves from the paramilitaries. However, if a paragraph were tucked into the draft cable to the effect that "In addition to the list, the Department will consider recommending for expedited processing, on a case-by-case basis, ineligible applicants who have disassociated themselves from paramilitaries and who have renounced violence, when post recommends such cases after determining that a significant USG or humanitarian interest would be served."

I'm not wedded to this concept or these words, but throw it into the mix as long as changes are being considered. It would take away the parties' veto power over people who have left them. Without a policy statement such as this regarding "retired terrorists," I think that DOJ might decline to do expedited processing for them.

Thanks. Don Heflin 663-1198

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Washington, D.C. 20520

FAXDate: 11/18/97TO: Larry Butler (PLEASE DELIVER ASAP)
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FAX NUMBER: _____

PAGES (plus cover): 3FROM: **Steve Kashkett****Desk Officer for Ireland and Northern Ireland
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COMMENTS:

Larry - Here is the long-awaited draft of the N.Ireland
visa waiver policy cable. It has been modified, honed,
and cleared by P, CA, L, S/CT, EUR, and
Jim O'Brien. I am sending it to you and to
Dept. of Justice simultaneously.

Please send me your clearance and/or any comments
asap. Thank you.

Steve

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I've mailed up Steve's excellent
 draft, added a para
 suggested by Don Hefflin
 (intended to cover the McClintons
 & other retired tourists).
 If you get our letter today or
 tomorrow via X-net, I'd be
 really sure it goes ASAP. TX.

REMARKS: ☒ Urgent ☐ For your review ☐ Reply ASAP ☐ Please comment

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From: Blair Hall@POL@LONDO_EMBA

Subject: Loyalist INS Turnaround

Date: Wednesday, March 04, 1998 12:51 PM

Attach:

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I telephoned William Smith in the PUP office at Stormont this morning about his turnaound in Houston over the weekend, which made angry headlines today on the front page of the Belfast News Letter. He was on his way to Nicaragua with a group of 16 persons, loyalist and republican, to a Quaker-sponsored conference there.

Smith and Roberts, the other loyalist turned around by INS, had received waivers for 212(a)(3)(B) Ineligibility for a trip to the US about two years ago. The INS inspector noticed these waivers in their ppts and pulled them aside. Smith said Continental Airlines had informed him no visa was necessary for a 'transit' and he therefore had not approached the Consulate for a waiver. Mentioning that he'd met Amb. Lader at the recent reception in London and Amb.

Smith in Dublin, and the fact that he'd always had good relations with the Consulate staff in Belfast, he said he would not have hesitated to apply if he'd thought a waiver was necessary for a transit.

Smith complained vociferously about the "abusive, degrading" treatment they were accorded by INS Houston Agent-in-Charge Garcia. He recited a long list grievances about how he was publicly marched through the airport, photo'd and finger printed where everyone could see, how his US Cit Quaker travelling companion was abused by Agent Garcia, and so forth. His most serious complaint was that he told INS officials that he suffers from a heart condition and needed to retrieve his medication from his baggage but was denied access to his bags and medicine. (His bags have yet to be returned to him and he has no idea where they are.)

I told Smith that we are sorry this incident occurred. As neither the consulate nor embassy were aware of his travel, we were unable to advise him on the waiver. It appears that the bad advice he received from the airline set in motion an unfortunate chain of events. I said we are seeking a copy of the turnaround report from Houston and, while I could understand his frustration, I couldn't comment on his treatment at this point. I emphasized that there was no intention of discriminating against the PUP or the loyalist community in general; that we would have supported a waiver had he applied; and that we are committed to ensuring smooth visits to the US for PUP members travelling in furtherance of the peace process -- especially to the upcoming St. Patrick's Day events. I asked him to pass this on to David Irvine (who was in a talks session at the time of my call).

Smith said he appreciated the call, that his anger is not directed at the Consulate or Embassy, but at the unbelievable treatment he received in Houston. He took the point (grudgingly) about this not indicating an anti-loyalist bias, but said this incident has nonetheless raised concerns in the loyalist community about America's fundamental fairness. He said he will continue to pursue this matter by all available political and legal means.

I left it at that.

-- Blair

NEWS LETTER, Wednesday, August 7, 11996 15:2



● Kenny McClinton claims 'republican bias' in US visa treatment

Relaxation of rules allows in key figures

SINCE August 1994, when the US first began loosening entry procedures, a number of people have benefited from the relaxation.

They include:

- Sinn Féin president Gerry Adams — he has made no less than seven trips to the US in the past two years, raising vast amounts of money for republican coffers.

His most recent trip was in March of this year. Even though the IRA had renewed its bombing by that stage, US officials gave him a three-month multiple entry visa.

- Senior republican Joe Cahill — the IRA veteran, was allowed into America in August 1994, before the ceasefire and despite having been convicted of murdering an RUC man more than 50 years ago.

Cahill, who had a death sentence commuted, was allegedly allowed in to convince US republicans that the ceasefire would benefit their movement.

- PUP spokesman David Ervine — the high-profile loyalist spokesman, who has a UVF weapons conviction, was given entry into the US late last year to give the other side of the story during one of Adams' visits.

- A number of other republicans and loyalists who have served jail terms have been admitted as part of the entourages of higher profile visitors. Others, like UDP leader Gary McMichael, have not needed waivers under US immigration rules.

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TAGS: PREL, PTER, CVIS, EI, UK

SUBJECT: VISA EXCLUSION WAIVER POLICY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND
- REPUBLICAN/LOYALIST GROUPS

REF: LONDON 12266

1. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE. SEE PARAGRAPH 4.

2. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY LONDON (REFTel) THAT WE SHOULD INSTITUTE A PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH THE NUMEROUS APPLICATIONS FOR WAIVERS OF CRIMINAL AND/OR TERRORIST INELIGIBILITIES FOR VISAS FOR INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS. THE NUMBER OF THESE APPLICATIONS, FROM BOTH REPUBLICAN AND LOYALIST ORGANIZATIONS, HAS INCREASED SINCE THE IRA CEASE-FIRE BEGAN LAST JULY. CONSIDERATION OF THESE WAIVERS ON AN AD-HOC BASIS, OFTEN ON SHORT NOTICE, HAS BEEN TIME-CONSUMING AND INEFFICIENT AND COULD LEAD TO PERCEPTIONS OF UNEQUAL TREATMENT.

3. OUR OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO SUPPORT THE PEACE PROCESS BY APPROVING A LIST OF PERSONS ^{with ineligibilities} FOR WHOM EXPEDITED VISA ISSUANCE WOULD CONSTITUTE A USG "CONFIDENCE-BUILDING

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MEASURE" THAT WOULD HELP THE NEGOTIATIONS---A KEY USG INTEREST. THIS LIST WOULD BE COMPOSED OF CERTAIN INELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAY LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THOSE POLITICAL PARTIES WORKING ACTIVELY IN SUPPORT OF THE MULTI-PARTY TALKS. IN ORDER TO REGULARIZE THIS POLICY, HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH ADVANCE LISTS OF INDIVIDUALS WHOM THE PARTIES THEMSELVES MIGHT WANT TO SEND TO THE UNITED STATES ON BUSINESS RELATED TO THE PEACE PROCESS. THE PARTIES SHOULD BE ASKED TO INDICATE ANY INDIVIDUALS ON THE LIST WHOM THEY HAVE REASON TO THINK MIGHT BE INELIGIBLE FOR A VISA WITHOUT A WAIVER. ONCE THE PARTIES HAVE SUBMITTED THESE NAMES, DEPARTMENT WILL ~~WORK~~ *Coordinate* WITH JUSTICE, FBI, AND NSC TO VET THE LIST AND TO REACH CONSENSUS ON THOSE APPLICANTS WHO, ~~IF FOUND TO BE INELIGIBLE~~, *IN LIGHT OF* COULD BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING, AND FOR WHOM WAIVERS WOULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE IN THE USG INTEREST, ~~ABSENT NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PEACE PROCESS~~. (SIMILAR LISTS HAD BEEN PREPARED DURING THE 1994-95 IRA CEASE-FIRE.)

Names 4. ACTION REQUESTED: AS THE FIRST STEP IN THIS EFFORT, CG BELFAST IS INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH THE RELEVANT PARTIES (SINN FEIN, THE ULSTER DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND THE PROGRESSIVE UNIONIST PARTY) TO REQUEST THAT THEY PUT FORWARD ~~SUCH LISTS~~ OF INDIVIDUALS WHOM THEY WOULD PROPOSE FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES. THE PARTIES SHOULD ALSO INDICATE ANY INDIVIDUALS ON ~~THE LIST~~ WHOM THEY HAVE REASON TO THINK MIGHT BE INELIGIBLE FOR A VISA WITHOUT A WAIVER. CG BELFAST ~~SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT THE~~ CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION ON OUR FINAL LIST WILL INCLUDE THE INDIVIDUAL'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE PEACE PROCESS AND WHETHER HE OR SHE IS SOUGHT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT; THE ~~SEVERITY OF~~ *may indicate that the* ~~THE CRIME OR ACT OF VIOLENCE~~ *NATURE* THAT RENDERED THE INDIVIDUAL INELIGIBLE WILL ALSO BE RELEVANT. CG SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT, EVEN FOR INDIVIDUALS APPROVED FOR THIS LIST, THE USG WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PURPOSE OF THE APPLICANTS' TRAVEL IN MAKING A FINAL DECISION WHETHER TO GRANT THE WAIVER, AND, IF WE DO, WITH WHAT RESTRICTIONS. IN ADDITION, IF NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICANT BECOMES KNOWN TO US AFTER A DECISION TO INCLUDE HIM/HER ON THE LIST, WE MAY RECONSIDER THAT PERSON'S INCLUSION.

of 5. THE PARTIES NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ~~WILL~~ ~~HENCEFORTH~~ BEAR THE BURDEN OF JUSTIFYING THE TRAVEL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS AND OF ENSURING THAT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED WITH SUFFICIENT TIME FOR PROCESSING---NORMALLY NOT LESS THAN 10 DAYS. WASHINGTON WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE

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THE FINAL DECISIONS ON WAIVERS AND ON THE TYPE AND DURATION OF VISA ISSUED FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL, BUT *and more predictable*
APPLICANTS ON THE FINAL LIST WILL HAVE SHORTER ~~PROCESSING~~
~~TIME AND GREATER LIKELIHOOD OF ISSUANCE THAN APPLICANTS~~
~~NOT ON THE LIST.~~

7 6. AFTER RECEIVING THE ~~PROPOSED~~ *Names* ~~LISTS~~ FROM THE PARTIES AND COORDINATING WITH OTHER AGENCIES, DEPARTMENT WILL NOTIFY POSTS WHEN THE FINAL NAMES ~~ARE APPROVED FOR~~ *have been vetted* EXPEDITED PROCESSING.

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6. In addition to names submitted by the parties, the Dept will consider recommending for expedited processing, on a case-by-case basis, ineligible applicants who have disassociated themselves from paramilitaries, ~~and have~~ *known* violence, and work ~~in community~~ for the community, when post recommends such cases ~~and~~ and determines ~~that~~ a significant USG or humanitarian interest would be served.

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Larry Butler, NSC Staff

cc: Steve Kaskab

FAX NUMBER:

FROM

Richard Norland, First Secretary (Political)

DATE:

11/4/97

Larry, just a quick note in lieu of a phone call, since I know you're busy: Rita O'Hare talked vises with the Amb. today. The Amb. pushed the idea of a list, & Rita took that on board, saying SF would work to provide one. The only urgent case at the moment is HOWELL, who needs to hear whether his visa has been granted tomorrow if he is to travel on Saturday as scheduled (according to Rita). Steve Vargason was briefed by the Amb. & has (a few) more details if you need them.
cheers. Eric

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DATE: November 10, 1997
TO: NSC
ATTN: Larry Butler
FAX NUMBER: 202-456-9150
FROM: Steven J. Wangsness - Consul
REMARKS: **SUBJECT: Visa Requests of Rita O'Hare and Gerry Kelly**

Amb. Smith asked me to give you a (faxed) shout on the outstanding waiver requests for O'Hare and Kelly. Both are supposed to be in NY on the 20th so realistically we need an answer NLT the 17th if we're going to make 72-hour itinerary deadlines work. Thanks.

So...on a personal note,

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Steve

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Telegraph

Pastor renews appeal for visa

By Dan McGinn

FORMER UFF commander Pastor Kenny McClinton has renewed his call on the American government to grant him a visa to enable him to preach the Gospel this month in four US states.

The former loyalist paramilitary, who has renounced his violent past, called for a visa following allegations in the Sunday Telegraph yesterday by the former US ambassador to London, Ray Seitz, of a policy of appeasement towards Sinn Fein by the Clinton administration.

Commenting on the decision to grant Sinn Fein leaders, Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness visas in recent years to travel to the US, Pastor McClinton said his visit was a "purely Christian one".

"I have been invited to preach the Gospel in four states — Texas, Georgia, Florida and Alabama — over five weeks starting at the end of this month.

"The purpose of my visit is not political but to preach the Gospel of peace and understanding. I have renounced my paramilitary past and sought forgiveness. I trust that will be recognised and I will be allowed to travel to the US."

NEWS LETTER, Thursday, January 8, 1998 11

'It could one way or the other - very quickly indeed'

Born-again killer warns Mowlam on concessions

PASTOR Kenny McClinton is a man under no illusions about the gravity of the situation facing Northern Ireland.

The Shankill Road man, now living as a preacher and community worker outside the city, believes only fundamental change in Government policy can avert potential disaster.

"These are crucial times," he said. "The troubled times that we live in could go one way or the other and could go very quickly.

"It is vital that people like myself who have any influence, throughout

In the first of a three-part series exploring the tensions and fears within grassroots loyalism, GORDON ADAIR talks to terrorist-turned-preacher Kenny McClinton

either the Protestant or Catholic communities, use that influence to try in some way to curtail the mythology that terrorism is some sort of ro-

mantic wonderful thing to be involved in. It is our bounden duty to tell young people that it is not like the movies."

But, he claims, the task has been made more difficult by a Government which is sending out the wrong signals.

"The Government, especially since New Labour came to power, seems to be inadequate for the situation and seems to have given the impetus to Sinn Féin and the IRA by allowing them to come to the table as democrats. Young people equate that as them having bombed, shot and murdered their way to the negotiating table."

Pastor McClinton, who was arrested in 1977, and subsequently served 16 years of a life sentence for two UVF murders, believes the loyalist community feels isolated by the current peace process and regards itself as having been abandoned by its own Government.

"Loyalists, especially young people, are feeling very alienated at this time in what they perceive to be their own land," he said. "They see the southern Irish government firmly backing up, and being a part of what they perceive as the pan-nationalist front."

"They see the views of republicans, and republican prisoners, being taken very quickly on board by the government of Eire, while they see their own Government taking a neutral stance, and they cannot understand that."

"The people that I have been speaking to see absolutely no point whatsoever in this so-called peace process, this talks process. They don't want their elected leaders to be there."

He stressed, however,

that this does not mean there is no desire for peace.

"Their hearts are longing and yearning for peace," he said. "But it has to be a true and an honourable peace, a true and honourable political settlement."

"Any agreement must be outside the Framework Document which

'Their hearts yearn for true peace'

has been totally rejected by the people here, both Protestant and Catholic.

"What needs to be done by the Government is a confidence-building measure for the people of the country, the democratic majority of this country who have been left without any confidence."

The honours graduate in Social Sciences and Criminology believes the feelings of despair within the loyalist community have been exacerbated by the circumstances surrounding the murder of UVF leader Billy Wright.

"There must be accountability over the death of Billy Wright," he said. "The circumstances surrounding it have lent, whether it is true or not, credence to a conspiracy theory that involves the Government, and while that suspicion lurks in people's minds they can have absolutely no confidence in the British Government."

"There is a lot of anger

in the community, not going away, and undermining peace makers like myself."

He questioned motives which lay behind the prison kill.

"I don't think the people involved in the actual execution of murder are the people behind it," he said. "The things were required to get guns into a high security situation to make someone of such a profile as Billy Wright and the history of the same people as guns in Maghaberry Prison, then moved, not to any part of the country to within 50 yards of their intended target, mean it beggars belief that there is some sort of collusion there."

Pastor McClinton only a full and independent public inquiry would satisfy the loyalist community. He believes the issue of prisoners is vital to building confidence.

"The fate of the prisoners is a key issue, can't get away from it. It is not only the prisoners, it is the ripple effect."

He said he has deepest sympathy for the victims of terror and acknowledged their concerns must be taken on board. "It is a tragedy for these people but the prisoners is just cannot be put to back burner," he said.

"The mismanagement of the recent talks process and the concessions that are so considered and so blatant have disgusted many of the loyalist prisoners and it seems as though Mo Mowlam is not only refusing to release some of them, but seems to be intent on some sort of psychological rubbish of their noses in the dust."



CHANGED: killer turned pastor, Kenny McClinton

'I was forced out' claims top loyalist

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Ex-UFF killer blames financiers for sack

By Michael O'Toole

A LEADING Belfast loyalist claimed yesterday he had been forced out of his community work post because financial backers wanted to "stifle the Protestant voice".

Convicted UFF leader turned pastor Kenny McClinton said he was given an ultimatum by his Shankill Road employers to choose between his involvement in the Protestant civil rights campaign and his voluntary community worker job.

Mr McClinton blamed the powerful international fund for Ireland, who have injected more than £1 million into the Stadium Centre where he was based as a development worker, for putting pressure on his bosses.

The IFI have strenuously rejected his claims.

"The IFI have slapped a gagging order on me because of my stance on Protestant civil rights.

"They want to stifle the Protestant



● KENNY McClinton... Forced out allegation

voice, but they will not succeed.

"This is my whole freedom of expression and opinion which they are trying to quell - that is the situation."

He said the pressure was applied because the IFI was unhappy at his high-profile campaign for the right of loyalists to march.

He was a speaker at last night's loyalist parade in Portadown.

Mr McClinton also claimed he was being smeared by "unknown parties" because of his friendship with convicted loyalist Billy Wright.

Mr McClinton, who was sentenced to life for the callous murders of two men in the 1970s but later renounced his links to paramilitaries when he became a born-again Christian, said rumours had been spread that he was connected to the recently emerged Loyalist Volunteer Force.

"I am not a member of any

paramilitary group. I renounced violence in 1979," he said.

That group was blamed for arson attacks on two tourist information centres last month.

Mr McClinton said he had been a friend of Mr Wright for some time.

He said: "I was instrumental in leading him to the Lord in 1982."

Mr McClinton was found guilty in 1977 of the murders two years earlier, of Daniel Carville and Harry Bradshaw.

Mr Carville, a Catholic was shot dead in the Shankill area, while Mr Bradshaw, a Protestant, was killed at the wheel of his bus in Newtownabbey.

He said yesterday: "I do not blame my boss, he was put under pressure by the IFI.

"I have come under a lot of pressure from the IFI.

"I was given Hobson's choice.

"I had to either quit expressing the views that I sincerely hold, or give up my work.

"I feel that four years of my life have been wasted."

He received a small weekly allowance while working at the Stadium, under the Higher Force programme.

There was a full time post coming up, which Mr McClinton was hopeful of getting.

But an IFI spokesman denied the body, set up after the Anglo-Irish Agreement, had interfered in the Stadium.

He said: "We part fund the Higher Force challenge programme.

"We have no responsibility for the administration of the programme, which is entirely a matter for the directors and management board.

"We do not get involved in the internal administration of any project which we support."

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Ex-UDA man wins US visa extension

AMERICAN officials gave an 11th-hour visa extension to a former paramilitary turned Protestant pastor, after he complained of bias.

Kenny McClinton, who rejected violence while serving 16 years in jail for two UDA murders, had claimed that it was harder for him to enter the US than republicans who had never condemned killing.

McClinton, from Belfast, has been trying for two years to enter America for a preaching tour - but ran into repeated rejections because of his background as a loyalist killer.

Recently - after Sinn Fein chief Gerry Adams made seven trips - US officials relented but restricted his visit to one American state.

He says he was told he must stay in Texas, the headquarters of his ministry, Moments of Faith International, which would force him to cancel preaching engagements in Florida.

But he said last night that American officials thought again and extended his visa to take in three states.

The change came after McClinton had complained that the restrictions were greater than any limits imposed on republican visitors.

He said it is a matter he intends to pursue when he leaves for the US early

By CHRIS THORNTON

tomorrow.

"Questions will be asked about parity of esteem," he said.

"I still feel frustrated that this treatment was meted out to one Protestant ex-paramilitary who rejected violence, while republicans are feted in Washington.

"But I am delighted to be finally going and to be able to tell people that terrorists can change."

A spokesman for the US Consulate in Belfast said it was not policy to comment on individual visa matters.

DAVID ARMSTRONG
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ago.

Preacher wins fight to visit US

By CHRIS
THORNTON

A FORMER loyalist paramilitary has won his 16-month fight to preach in America.

Kenny McClinton was told yesterday that US authorities will waive an entry ban imposed on him because he served two life sentences for murder.

The Shankill Road pastor said he was "absolutely delighted" to be heading for America - and thanked the News Letter for highlighting his case.

"I'm also very grateful to the people of the Shankill community and right across the community who helped me through this."

Mr McClinton had applied to enter the United States in August 1994 to address youth groups about how he found God and the youth work he has developed in Belfast.

His application for entry was ignored and he remained in Belfast while his colleague at the Shankill Stadium, Pastor Jack McKee, went to America.

Mr McClinton spent the next year pestering the US authorities to give him an

answer on his application and the News Letter highlighted his case on several occasions.

His pleas were doubled in August this year when he was ordained into the Moments of Faith International ministry which is based in Texas.

The former prisoner said he wanted to visit his spiritual base.

The US Consulate in Belfast rang him yesterday to tell him he will get a visa.

Mr McClinton must now submit his itinerary and passport to the consulate and he hopes to go to America within the next three months.

"I think my story will be of benefit to young people and people of all ages."

The pastor said he believes the decision to give him entry is linked to the visit of President Bill Clinton to Northern Ireland later this month.

"Protestants need to be shown parity of esteem by America."

"If Garry Adams and Martin McGuinness can go to America, then surely Kenny McClinton should be able to go."

"This also affects other life-term prisoners. It shows they can come out of prison and contribute positively."

The youth programme run by Mr McClinton and Mr McKee, the Higher Force Challenge, has been praised for its work with young people.

The two men will take the cross-community programme to Dublin tomorrow where young people from the Shankill and Ardoyne will meet the US Ambassador, Jean



KENNY MCCLINTON
'parity of esteem'

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the **IRISH NEWS****Reynolds
defends
US over
visa row****Telegraph****Pastor renews
appeal for visa****By Dan McGinn**

FORMER UFF commander Pastor Kenny McClinton has renewed his call on the American government to grant him a visa to enable him to preach the Gospel this month in four US states.

The former loyalist paramilitary, who has renounced his violent past, called for a visa following allegations in the Sunday Telegraph yesterday by the former US ambassador to London, Ray Seitz, of a policy of appeasement towards Sinn Féin by the Clinton administration.

Commenting on the decision to grant Sinn Féin leaders, Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness visas in recent years to travel to the US, Pastor McClinton said his visit was a "purely Christian one".

"I have been invited to preach the Gospel in four states — Texas, Georgia, Florida and Alabama — over five weeks starting at the end of this month.

"The purpose of my visit is not political but to preach the Gospel of peace and understanding. I have renounced my paramilitary past and sought forgiveness. I trust that will be recognised and I will be allowed to travel to the US."

FORMER spokesman Albert Reynolds yesterday stepped into the row over claims that America's ambassador to Dublin was an apologist for the IRA.

Mr Reynolds made his comments after former US ambassador to Britain Raymond Seitz accused his Dublin counterpart, Jean Kennedy Smith, of being soft on the IRA.

Mr Seitz said Ms Kennedy Smith became a "promotion agent" for Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams and lobbied for him to receive a visa to the USA in 1993.

But Mr Reynolds yesterday said he asked Ms Kennedy Smith to put pressure on for Mr Adams to be allowed into America — against the wishes of some US administration figures.

He said he believed Mr Seitz did not understand the facts of the Gerry Adams visit.

He said: "President Clinton in his first presidential election gave a commitment to Irish America to participate in supporting the Irish peace process in any way he could and to send a peace envoy to Ireland, which he offered me on my very first meeting with him.

"My government changed the official policy to support a visa for Gerry Adams at that period.

"Behind the scenes, in the talks for the Downing Street Declaration, we were building an alternative strategy to violence, we had to prove that politics worked."

"Getting a visa for Gerry Adams against all the opposition from London would be seen to show clearly to the republican leadership and the nationalists that politics does work.

"By winning that battle we clearly demonstrated that. It was only one step along the road to an alternative strategy to violence."

"He said he asked Ms Kennedy Smith for her support and the support of her brother Ted Kennedy in seeking a visa for Gerry Adams."

Mr Reynolds, who helped broker the first IRA ceasefire in August 1994, said the situation in the north was "critical" after the upsurge in killings.

NEWS LETTER

McClinton slams US over visa-waiver delay

PROMINENT loyalist, Pastor Kenny McClinton, has hit out at the American authorities for their failure to issue him with a visa-waiver to enable him to visit the USA for a six-week preaching tour.

Pastor McClinton was due to leave for the States last week, but his application has been delayed and he has now been forced to postpone the trip.

Because of his terrorist convictions in the 1970s, Pastor McClinton is ineligible for a US visa. He can, however, in common with anyone with a criminal record, apply for a waiver of his ineligibility. This can be granted

if it is felt to be in the US's national interest.

A waiver has not been forthcoming though for the terrorist-turned-preacher, who spent five weeks in the United States in 1986, and he has pointed to the apparent inconsistency between his case and others.

"I had to wrestle with the authorities for 15 months to get a visa back in '96," he said. "At that time, Gerry Adams, and other people - people with similar backgrounds to mine - were going back and forward. With them, it was a 48-hour thing and they were away."

The authorities eventually relented in 1996

after the Shankill Road man protested outside the American Consulate General's office in Belfast's Queen Street. "I explained to them the deep and lasting connection between the USA and the Ulster Scots people," he said.

This time, however, he is convinced the decision can be traced back to the White House.

"The authorities in Belfast, especially Cynthia Sharpe and the Consul General, Kathleen Stevens, have been very helpful and supportive," he said. "But I believe this delay is coming from Washington, from the office of the Attorney General, Janet Reno."

We will have to make a decision in a few weeks whether to recommend a waiver for her to come work here for an extended period. The issues that we need to clarify are (1) whether our own law enforcement community would see her as an unacceptable risk factor and (2) if we should expect a renewed British effort at extradition (currently three in progress, all subjects of intense Congressional interest). We are following up on both those issues. In any event, a visa for O'Hare will be controversial both here and with the Unionist community and could be a distraction for the peace process. Once we have a better read, we will send up a decision memorandum.

Concurrence: James E. Baker

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Tab A Incoming correspondence

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February 25, 1998

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: DONALD K. BANDLER

FROM: LAWRENCE E. BUTLER

SUBJECT: Letter from Local UUP Representative on
Prospective Turnover in Sinn Fein Washington
office

Ann Smith, the UUP Washington representative, having seen press reports on possible nomination of Rita O'Hare as new Sinn Fein Washington office head, wrote expressing concern that we would consider issuing a visa to a person with her police record. I spoke at length with her obviating the need for a written response. By background, Smith is a naturalized U.S. citizen, originally from Scotland.

O'Hare has indeed applied to come to Washington and is in the process of filing the necessary papers with the Department of Justice (she needs an approved skilled alien -- H-category -- petition before her visa application will be considered). This was despite our suggestions that we would have problems with her application.

O'Hare, who currently is Sinn Fein's publicity director in Dublin and a regular Embassy contact, has a 'colorful' past. She got into a shootout in Northern Ireland, wounding a British soldier and getting shot three times in return. Let out on bail (!), she headed south. The UK attempted to have her extradited at least twice, with no success. She served a jail term in Ireland for attempting to smuggle explosives into an Irish prison. We gave her a waiver for a visa for a December visit to New York. She has also traveled to France and South Africa, but never goes near the UK.

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Ulster Unionist Party - North America

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Leader of the Party
W. David Trimble, LLB BL MP
Director, North American Bureau
Jeffrey Donaldson
Bureau Coordinator
Anne W. Smith

February 23, 1998

2/23/98

Sandy Berger
National Security Advisor
The White House
Washington DC 20500

PLEASE STAFF
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Dear Mr. Berger:

I am concerned about recent press reports that Sinn Fein intends to replace its present US representative in Washington DC, Mairead Keane, with Rita O'Hare, currently a public relations officer for Sinn Fein in Dublin, Ireland.

My concern is based on the fact that Ms. O'Hare is a suspect, and is still wanted for questioning, in the 1971 Northern Ireland shooting of Army Warrant Officer Fraser Paton. She escaped to the Irish Republic while on bail and has since been ineligible to re-enter Northern Ireland. Previous to this, she had twice been imprisoned, once for smuggling explosives into Portlaois Jail.

Your help in verifying these charges will be appreciated, as will your assurance that no one with such a criminal record, and such serious charges still pending, could possibly be considered for entry, employment and residence in the United States.

I am also writing to the State Department to alert them to this matter and trust that I will receive early clarification of the situation.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Anne W Smith

Anne W. Smith
Bureau Coordinator

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cc : David Trimble, Leader, Ulster Unionist Party

TO: BERGER

FROM: SMITH, ANNE W

DOC DATE: 23 FEB 98
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KEYWORDS: IRELAND
NSA CORRESPONDENCE

LEGAL ISSUES

PERSONS: KEANE, MAIREAD

O'HARE, RITA

SUBJECT: ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY PROTEST OF NAMING OF O'HARE TO US POST BY
SINN FEIN

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR BERGER

DUE DATE: 06 MAR 98 STATUS: S

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Butler, Lawrence E.

From: Bandler, Donald K.
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 1998 2:41 PM
To: @NSA - Natl Security Advisor
Cc: @EUROPE - European Affairs; @PRESS - Public Affairs; @LEGAL - Legal Advisor
Subject: FW: Adams Visa recommendation ~~{CONFIDENTIAL}~~
Importance: High

For Jim

From Don/Larry

Pressure is building to issue Adams a visa waiver. Embassy Dublin has urged a visa; Embassy London has now weighed in with a strong concurrence to issue, with suggestions about levels of meeting (attached).

Regarding our stance on visas and the cease fire: we have reviewed all of our public statements regarding Sinn Fein, the cease fire and visas, and nowhere did we say that we would not issue Sinn Fein visas in the event of a break down in the cease fire. A packet of relevant statements/guidance is coming over.

We recommend (Jim O'Brien concurs) that we make the decision to issue the visa today. It will take 24 hours to work it through the system and get the paperwork out to Dublin. Our public affairs line would be:

-- We have consulted with the two governments who, in addition to planning to continue contact with Sinn Fein during the anticipated short period of suspension, support the U.S. doing the same. We continue to believe that the peace process is best served by inclusive talks in the context of continued cease fires. President has asked us to reinforce this view to Mr. Adams during his visit here; we will do so in a meeting at an appropriate level. We recommend you see Adams either in OEOB, or preferably at a mutually acceptable venue off the compound, which takes away the West Wing backdrop for Adams press stake out. UK and Irish would not object; some in Republican community will push for West Wing meeting; no one is pushing for POTUS meeting.



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IRELAND: VISA WAIVER...

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