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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 21, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE RAYMOND L. FLYNN

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING THE UNITED STATES COMMITMENT
TO THE UPHOLDING OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE
STRIFE-TORN NORTH OF IRELAND

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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S/S 8413811

Date May 18, 1984

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: The President From: Raymond L. Flynn, Mayor of Boston

Date: April 23, 1984 Subject: Regarding US commitment
to uphold human rights in Northern Ireland

WH Referral Dated: May 9, 1984 NSC ID# 213607
(if any)

_____ The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

Action Taken:

_____ A draft reply is attached.

_____ A draft reply will be forwarded.

_____ A translation is attached.

X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

_____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.

_____ The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.

_____ Other.

Remarks:

for Kristie Akenney
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 18, 1984

Dear Mayor Flynn:

I am responding to your letter to the President of April 23, concerning Northern Ireland and the President's trip to Ireland.

U.S. policy, as outlined by President Reagan in successive St. Patrick's Day messages, is consistent with that of previous administrations. U.S. policy emphasizes that it is not for outsiders to try to impose a particular solution to the Northern Ireland problem. Rather, we believe that the two communities in Northern Ireland, their elected leaders, and the governments of the Irish Republic and of the United Kingdom are fully capable of finding a solution within a democratic context.

We are encouraged by the strengthening of the Anglo-Irish dialogue over the past year, by the commitment of both governments to work together closely, and by the efforts of elected leaders in the New Ireland Forum to find a peaceful, democratic approach to the problems of Northern Ireland. In such circumstances, we believe the U.S. can help in a positive way, by encouraging job-creating investment and support for groups engaged in promoting reconciliation, such as Cooperation Ireland, rather than focusing on issues which are divisive.

On May 4, Irish Foreign Minister Peter Barry met with Deputy Secretary Kenneth Dam to brief him on the report of the New Ireland Forum. The Deputy Secretary assured the Foreign Minister that the U.S. will give the report full and careful study. He expressed our hope that the Forum process and the Forum report will strengthen Anglo-Irish cooperation in resolving the Northern Ireland problem and in furthering reconciliation between the two communities.

In recent human rights reports on the United Kingdom, including the one submitted to the Congress in January 1984 (copy enclosed), the Department of State has noted that both the British people and their government continually seek to maintain and improve the high quality of human rights practices domestically and to promote higher levels internationally. The Department has observed, however, that these long-standing traditions are daily

The Honorable
Raymond L. Flynn,
Mayor of Boston,
One City Hall Plaza,
Boston, Massachusetts

put to the test in Northern Ireland, where the British Government strives to combat terrorist violence -- the most significant human rights problem in the United Kingdom -- and to maintain public safety against a background of a deeply divided society. An all too typical example of such terrorist violence is the murder by the Provisional Irish Republic Army April 8 of a young school teacher, Mary Travers, as she and her father walked home from mass.

Both we and the White House appreciate receiving your timely and thoughtful views on the Northern Ireland problem. I hope that this letter responds to the concerns that you have raised.

Sincerely,



Neil H. Campbell
Acting Director, Intergovernmental Affairs
Office of Legislative and
Intergovernmental Affairs

Enclosure:

1984 Human Rights Report for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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MAY 9, 1984

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 23, 1984

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE RAYMOND L. FLYNN
MAYOR OF BOSTON
BOSTON CITY HALL
ONE CITY HALL PLAZA
BOSTON MA 02201

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING THE UNITED STATES COMMITMENT
TO THE UPHOLDING OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE
STRIFE-TORN NORTH OF IRELAND

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May 2, 1984

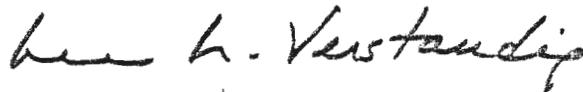
Dear Mayor Flynn:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your recent correspondence.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the appropriate officials at the Department of State, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for their consideration and direct reply. You should be hearing from them shortly.

I sincerely appreciate your bringing your concerns to the attention of the Administration. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Lee L. Verstandig
Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Raymond L. Flynn
Mayor of Boston
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
RAYMOND L. FLYNN

April 23, 1984

Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to share some thoughts with you as you prepare for your trip to Ireland. It is my hope that your voyage will be productive and safe, and it is also my hope that you will see the trip as an opportunity to assert the United States' commitment to the upholding of human rights in the strife-torn north of Ireland.

As I write today, I join millions of Irish Americans and all Americans of good conscience in pausing to commemorate the 68th anniversary of the Easter Rising. That heroic event in 1916 led to the freedom of most of Ireland, and sounded a call for freedom and human rights that still echoes today. It echoes not only in the streets of Belfast and Derry, but in El Salvador, South Africa, and Afghanistan; in every village and nation in the world where fundamental human rights are denied.

As we reflect on the significance of the Easter Rising, it is timely to consider the thoughts of the late Terence Cardinal Cooke. In a statement shortly before his death in 1983, the cardinal spoke out on Northern Ireland.

"The continuing situation of injustice, suffering, and extremist terror in the north of Ireland is the primary issue facing us today and it must be addressed with urgency."

Cardinal Cooke also said, "As a son of Irish immigrants, whose parents and ancestors experienced this suffering and oppression, I would like to once again share my own convictions and call on my fellow American citizens, especially those of Irish heritage, to take very definite steps which will help the cause of peace, justice, freedom, and the restoration of basic human rights and equal opportunity in that troubled land."

As the leader of the Free World, and as President of the nation that is the home of freedom and opportunity, you are in a unique and important position to take up Cardinal Cooke's call. A deliberate and forceful statement from you will help to strengthen the final agreement among the parties who have been meeting in the New Ireland Forum. The upcoming forum report could provide an opening to frank discussion of the North in both Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland. The President of the United States has a part to play in any discussion of a legitimate quest for human rights, and your trip to Ireland and England in June will offer the opportunity to help this process in Ireland.

April 23, 1984
Page Two

The need for fresh and determined initiatives in Northern Ireland has been described by many observers, but seldom as eloquently as by Sean MacBride, the winner of the 1974 Nobel Prize for Peace.

"Time after time, new internment camps, and prison camps, (have been) built and filled. Public Safety Acts, Emergency Powers Acts, Treason Acts, Offences Against the State Acts, Law Enforcement Acts and Special Powers Acts succeeded each other north and south, and have virtually destroyed the rule of law system which should prevail in any democratic state," Mr. MacBride wrote.

The tragic and violent, 62-year history of the statelet of Northern Ireland is rooted in violence. The leaders of the Irish movement for independence accepted the partition of their country under the threat of "immediate and terrible war." Today, that legacy of violence is the inheritance of the Catholic population of the North, on whom repressive laws and discrimination fall most heavily. To again refer to the statement of Cardinal Cooke, "The denial of human and civil rights is evidenced in employment, housing, education, and in the legal system of Northern Ireland."

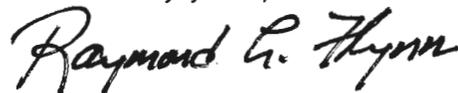
You recently supported the Irish Prime Minister, Dr. Garrett FitzGerald, in his plea to Congress to disarm the men of violence in Northern Ireland. I would suggest that the next logical step is to call into question the environment of violence in which these groups are born.

While we condemn the symptoms of violence in Ireland we must also work to end the cause of that violence. We must make human rights for Ireland an important goal, to be pursued aggressively.

I trust that you will consider these ideas as you prepare for your trip, for, as the Bible tells us, "Peace will come only when justice prevails."

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Raymond L. Flynn
Mayor of Boston

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The first of these is the fact that the Irish people have a long and proud history of resistance to British rule. This is a fact which is often forgotten by those who would like to see Ireland divided.

It is also a fact that the Irish people have a strong sense of national identity and a deep attachment to their land. This is a fact which is often forgotten by those who would like to see Ireland divided.

The second of these is the fact that the Irish people have a strong sense of justice and a deep conviction that all men are created equal. This is a fact which is often forgotten by those who would like to see Ireland divided.

You may also remember the Irish Prime Minister, Mr. Charles Haughey, who said in the House of Commons in 1967: "I am a nationalist and I am proud to be so. But I am also a democrat and I am proud to be so. I believe that the only way to achieve peace in Ireland is by recognizing the rights of all the people of Ireland."

It is also a fact that the Irish people have a strong sense of community and a deep conviction that all men are created equal. This is a fact which is often forgotten by those who would like to see Ireland divided.

I am sure that you will consider these ideas as you prepare the report for the Irish people. I believe that the only way to achieve peace in Ireland is by recognizing the rights of all the people of Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

Sincerely yours,



James H. Doolittle
U.S. Secretary of State

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: PETER R. SOMMER *Peer*

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Ambassador O'Sullivan:
12:30 p.m. - May 29, 1984

You have agreed to meet with Irish Ambassador Tadhg O'Sullivan on May 29. The Ambassador will be accompanied by his Political Counselor, Jim Sharkey, who in my view is a more astute observer of the American scene than the Ambassador.

O'Sullivan's reason for requesting the meeting is that he has never met you, and in my words, he wants "instant recognition" when he sees you in Ireland.

He also, I suspect, will be promoting greater White House "activity" in connection with the report of the New Ireland Forum. O'Sullivan sought a Presidential statement when the report was released on May 2 (we let State take the lead), and it was my impression that O'Sullivan was out in front of Foreign Minister Barry because as soon as Barry arrived in town, O'Sullivan's lobbying efforts ceased.

O'Sullivan will want to review the President's trip to Ireland and may well suggest that positive Presidential statements about the Forum's report will help dampen down expected protests about Central America. Our policy is for the President to praise the work of the Forum and offer encouragement, but to stop short of endorsing any specific plan.

The brief reporting message at Tab A on Ambassador Price's meeting with Northern Ireland Secretary Jim Prior gives a concise, and I believe realistic, analysis of the way forward from Britain's perspective.

Attachment
Tab A - Reporting Message

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SUBJECT: NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE FORUM REPORT
-- PRIOR WANTS PROGRESS BUT CAUTIONS AGAINST
-- WISHFUL THINKING

1 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2 SUMMARY: JIM PRIOR WAS ENGAGINGLY HONEST, AS ALWAYS, WHEN I CALLED ON HIM MAY 25, SHORTLY BEFORE HE WAS TO MEET WITH VISITING IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER BARRY -- AND FRANK ABOUT HIS INTENT ON TO RETURN TO THE BACK BENCHES AND INDUSTRY THIS AUTUMN, AFTER THREE YEARS ON NORTHERN IRELAND. PRIOR EMPHASIZED THE BRITISH DESIRE TO MAKE PROGRESS WHERE POSSIBLE ON NORTHERN IRELAND, BUT ALSO HIS INTENTION TO BE HARD LINE WITH BARRY ON THE NEED TO RECOGNIZE REALITIES AND NOT INDULGE IN WISHFUL THINKING. END SUMMARY

3 BASIC BRITISH OBJECTIVES PRIOR SAID, WERE PRETTY OBVIOUS -- TO TRY TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY SITUATION, TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BRITISH TROOPS IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND TO LESSEN THE DRAIN ON THE BUDGET. IN BRIEF TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT BUT HE WOULD GO FOR A SETTLEMENT ONLY IF THEY THOUGHT IT WOULD STICK; AND THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE AGREEMENT OR AT LEAST THE ACQUIESCENCE OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED. IT WAS POSSIBLE TO PUSH THE NORTHERN IRELAND PROBLEMS AWAY, BUT IF THEY WERE PUSHED TOO FAR THERE WOULD BE VIOLENCE, RETALIATION, AND POSSIBLY EVEN CIVIL WAR AND TALK OF AN INDEPENDENT ULSSTER. THESE, OF COURSE, WERE EXTREME EXAMPLES OF WHAT COULD HAPPEN; BUT ONE SHOULD NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE DETERMINATION OF THE ULSSTER PROTESTANTS -- THE TOUGHEST GUYS IN THE POPE.

4 DUBLIN ITSELF, OF COURSE, WAS AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF DESTABILIZATION -- ALTHOUGH, PRIOR CHUCKLED, HE HIMSELF WAS NOT QUITE SURE WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO DESTABILIZE THE EASYGOING IRISH. CERTAINLY THE GROWTH OF PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN WAS SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT SINCE IT WAS IN ESSENCE A MARXIST WORKERS PARTY WHICH HAD CONTACTS WITH

5. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, PRIOR SAID, HMG WOULD HAVE TO WORK WITH THE FORUM REPORT VERY CAREFULLY. THERE WOULD LIKELY BE A DEBATE IN THE COMMONS FAIRLY SOON, AND IF IT WERE KNOWN THAT LONDON AND DUBLIN WERE CONSULTING INTENSIVELY, THERE WOULD BE ACCUSATIONS OF TREACHERY AND ACTIVATION OF ALL OF THE USUAL DEFENSE MECHANISMS BY THOSE WHO WANTED TO BLOCK PROGRESS. IN HIS TALK WITH BARRY, THEREFORE, PRIOR INTENDED TO BE HARD LINE ABOUT THE REALITIES, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE HE BELIEVED THE FORUM REPORT HAD STIMULATED WISHFUL THINKING AMONG IRISH NATIONALISTS ABOUT EARLY PROGRESS. PRIOR WOULD, AS WELL, EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR DUBLIN TO PRESS THE SDLP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY WHICH HE CONSIDERED AN ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL STEP TOWARD MOVING AHEAD ON OTHER ISSUES.

6. ON FOLLOW-UP TALKS, HE NOTED THAT THATCHER COULD EASILY HAVE AN HOUR OR SO WITH FITZGERALD ON NORTHERN IRELAND AT THE JUNE 25-26 EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING AND FURTHER TALKS, PERHAPS IN SEPTEMBER. HE FORESAW LITTLE PROGRESS DURING THE SUMMER WHEN THEY START THE MARCHING IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND WHEN IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE SO AS NOT TO STIR UP THE UNIONISTS.

7. PRIOR REVIEWED THE FORUM REPORT AND FAMILIARIZED HIMSELF WITH IT. HE NOTED THAT IT PROVIDED AN AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION ON MATTERS THAT WERE PROSPECTIVE FOR ACTION.

8. HE REJECTED THE REPORT AND DESPITE ITS REJECTION HE BELIEVED HE BELIEVED THE REPORT PROVIDED A FRAMEWORK FOR MORE CONCRETE TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN LONDON AND DUBLIN THAN ANYTHING HE HAD HEARD IN THE PAST. HEY CLARIFIED THE SIGHT OF THE POSTURE OF FITZGERALD AND BARRY.

9. RETURNING TO NORTHERN IRELAND PRIOR SAID THAT

framework for more concrete discussions

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SUBJECT: NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE FORUM REPORT
-- PRIOR WANTED PROGRESS, BUT CAUTIOUS AG-NT
-- WISHED TO KNOW
THAT DESPITE ALL THE HATRED AND OTHER PROBLEMS HE
BELIEVED THE POPULATION WAS NOW LOOKING MORE
THAN AT ANY TIME IN THE PAST FOR SOME WAY OUT OF
THE IMPASSE. HE WAS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, ABOUT THE
STRENGTH OF PROVINCIAL SINN FEIN. JOHN HUME AND
THE SDLP WOULD PROBABLY WIN NORTHERN IRELAND'S
ONLY E.P.-PARLIAMENTARY SEAT IN THE JUNE 14
ELECTIONS. BUT IN THE LOCAL ELECTION YEAR
PROVINCIAL SINN FEIN MIGHT WELL DO BETTER THAN
THE SDLP AND THAT WOULD BE TAKEN BY THE
UNIONISTS AS EVIDENCE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE
CATHOLICS WERE VOTING FOR VIOLENCE.

9. IN MY REQUEST PRIOR DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE
CONCEPTS OF JOINT AUTHORITY AND SHARED GOVERN-
ANCE. WHAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WOULD ENTAIL, HE NOTED
WAS THE APPOINTMENT OF PEOPLE BY A FOREIGN GOVERN-
MENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RUNNING AN AREA OVER
WHICH THAT GOVERNMENT DID NOT HAVE RESPONSIBILITY
AND CERTAINLY NOT RESPONSIBILITY TO ELECTED REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF THE AREA. PRIOR HIMSELF HAD RAISED
THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT AUTHORITY IN AGRICULTURE
AND OTHER AREAS IN OFF-THE-RECORD PRESS COMMENTS,
BUT HE RECOGNIZED THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS THAT
SMACKED OF SHARED SOVEREIGNTY WOULD BE ANATHEMA
TO THE UNIONISTS. HE AGREED WITH ONE OF HIS
AIDES THAT THERE WAS ALREADY CONSIDERABLE COOPERATION
AND CONTACT BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE REST OF
IRELAND ON SPECIFIC TOPICS AND THAT EFFORTS TO
FIRST RATIONALIZE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS COULD AROUSE
DISSENT WITHOUT MAKING MUCH PRACTICAL HEADWAY.

10. IN RESPONSE TO MY REQUEST FOR HIS
CANDID VIEW ON WHAT THE US MIGHT DO, PRIOR
URGED THAT WE SIMPLY KEEP AS QUIET AS WE
COULD. HE NOTED THE RECURRING SUSPICION OF THE
PROTESTANT UNIONISTS THAT THE US AND UK WERE
COOKING SOME SORT OF SECRET DEAL WITH DUBLIN.

11. FINALLY, PRIOR NOTED THAT THREE YEARS
ON NORTHERN IRELAND HAD TAKEN ITS TOLL ON
HIM. HE HAD TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER AFTER
THE JUNE '82 ELECTION THAT HE COULD ONLY TAKE
ANOTHER 15 MONTHS OR SO. HE INTENDED TO
RESIGN IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER, TO RETAIN HIS
SEAT IN THE COMMONS, AND TO DEVOTE HIMSELF TO
INDUSTRY. HE COULD NOT FORESEE TAKING ANOTHER
GOVERNMENT POST, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF HIS
PERSONALITY PROBLEMS WITH THATCHER. HE LAUGHED
ABOUT THE PRESS AND PARLIAMENTARY BY-PLAY ON
HIS PUBLIC REMARKS ABOUT LEAVING. "I BITE MY
TONGUE AS HARD AS I CAN," HE SAID. "BUT SOME-
TIMES I GET UP FROM ME."

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

May 23, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: PETER R. SOMMER

Peter

SUBJECT: Appointment Request

Irish Ambassador Tadhg O'Sullivan has asked to see you before he departs for Ireland next Tuesday afternoon. In typical Irish fashion, he has had others call to endorse his request, e.g., Judge Clark's office has called to urge you to fit O'Sullivan into your schedule, if at all possible.

There are obvious reasons why the Ambassador would like to meet with you on the eve of the President's trip to Ireland, but all in all I would put it into the "nice to do, but not essential" category.

RECOMMENDATION:

If possible, that you meet with Ambassador O'Sullivan, for twenty minutes on May 25 or the morning of May 29.

Approve *RCM*

Not Possible

*may 29
12:30 PM*

cc: Jack Matlock

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The White House

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert Kimmitt
Executive Secretary
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Treasury Participation in State Visit of
Dr. Garret FitzGerald, Prime Minister of the
Republic of Ireland, March 14th to 16th, 1984.

In the event that economic or financial issues are on the agenda for President Reagan's meeting with Prime Minister FitzGerald, we assume Secretary Regan would be included in the discussion of these topics.

Treasury is prepared to provide briefing materials on macroeconomic and monetary issues for Prime Minister FitzGerald's visit. Should briefing materials on economic or financial issues be prepared for the Prime Minister by other agencies, Treasury would like an opportunity to review such papers.

Please keep me advised of plans for the visit and of any assistance Treasury may provide to contribute to the success of this meeting.

David L. Chew
Executive Assistant
to the Secretary

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TO NSC/S Secretary Regan has been invited to the President's March 16 meeting with Fitzgerald. No further action required. Please close out.

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Dear Mrs Reagan,
I want to thank the President
and you very much for inviting
my husband, Stuart Scheffel,
and me to the Saint Patrick's
Day Lunch at the White
House. Thank you, too, for
seating me at your table, and
beside the Prime Minister of Ire-
land. All of it was unusually

interesting and pleasurable for
Stuart and me - and one thing
uniquely so for me - it
was more than forty years
since President Reagan and
I had lunch together -
and that was in the Commissary
at Warner Brothers during the
making of "Dark Victory" !!

With renewed thanks,
Yours sincerely,
Geraldine Fitzgerald Scheffel

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