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DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 26, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE GARRET FITZGERALD

8535546

SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT GIVEN TO THE
ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
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15 November, 1985. Oifig an Taoisigh
Office of the Taoiseach

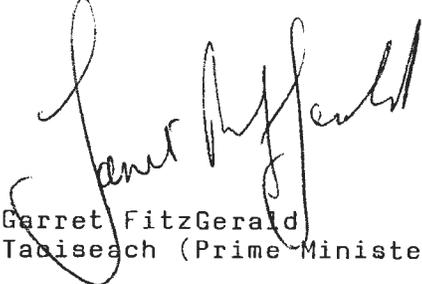
The Honorable Robert C. McFarlane,
Assistant to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D.C., 20500.

Dear Mr. McFarlane,

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May I wish you every success in Geneva.

Yours sincerely,


Garret FitzGerald
Taoiseach (Prime Minister).

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8535546

Date 6 DEC 1985

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

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Prime Minister FitzGerald of Ireland

Date: November 15, 1985 Subject: Appreciation for
support given to the Anglo-Irish Agreement

WH Referral Dated: December 3, 1985 NSC ID# 352980
(if any)

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 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.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- XXX We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- Other.

Remarks: Prime Minister FitzGerald's letter conveys his gratitude for
a statement made by the President and does not raise any
additional issues.

for Tom Collins
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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REFERRAL

DECEMBER 3, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 352980
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1985
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: THE HONORABLE GARRET FITZGERALD
PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND
OFFICE OF THE TAOISEACH
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS
DUBLIN 2 IRELAND

SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT GIVEN TO THE
ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Oifig an Taoisigh
Office of the Taoiseach

12 November, 1985.

The President,
The White House,
Washington DC.

Dear Mr. President,

I wish to convey to you my heartfelt gratitude and that of the Government of Ireland for the generous and prompt support which you gave this morning to the Anglo-Irish Agreement which Margaret Thatcher and I signed today in Northern Ireland. It is a source of great encouragement to us all in our efforts to bring peace and stability to Northern Ireland and to foster a new and closer relationship between the two Irish traditions to know that you, Mr. President, and Speaker O'Neill support us wholeheartedly in this endeavour. This is a very important time for you too and for America and we are all the more conscious therefore of the gesture which you made on the eve of your departure for Geneva.

May I and my Government offer you our sincere good wishes for the success of your meeting with Mr. Gorbachev.

Yours sincerely,

Garret FitzGerald
Taoiseach (Prime Minister of Ireland).

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BY CAS NARA, DATE 7/1/00

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TO MCFARLANE

FROM FITZGERALD, GARRET

DOCDATE 15 NOV 85

KEYWORDS: IRELAND

GREAT BRITAIN

O'NEILL, THOMAS P

HS

THATCHER, MARGARET

SUBJECT: PM FITZGERALD LTR RE ANGLO - IRISH AGREEMENT SUPPORT FM PRES

ACTION: ANY ACTION NECESSARY

DUE: 06 DEC 85 STATUS S FILES WH

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COMMENTS TO NSC/S *No action required. Please close out and provide me a copy. Thank you.*

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

TO Bob Pearson

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Peter Gruner

AMBASÁID NA HÉIREANN
(202) 462-3939



EMBASSY OF IRELAND
2234 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008

November 15 1985

My dear Mr President

I have been asked by Dr Garret FitzGerald, Taoiseach, to forward you the attached message.

I would also like to add a word of sincere thanks for your generous support of this agreement and my best wishes for a successful meeting in Geneva.

I have the honor to be, Mr President,

Yours sincerely

Padraic N MacKernan
Ambassador of Ireland

The President
The White House
WASHINGTON DC 20500

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The White House
Washington DC

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Yours sincerely

Garret FitzGerald
Taoiseach (Prime Minister of Ireland)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008

November 15 1985

The Honorable Robert C McFarlane
Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
WASHINGTON DC 20500

Dear Mr McFarlane

The Taoiseach, Dr Garret FitzGerald, has asked me to forward to you the attached message.

On my own behalf, I would like to add a word of sincere thanks for all your efforts and those of your colleagues in helping to make possible this generous and supportive gesture on the part of the President, which we value very greatly.

I send you my best wishes for a successful meeting in Geneva.

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Yours sincerely

Garret FitzGerald
Taoiseach (Prime Minister)

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The White House**

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cc: VP Regan Buchanan Other _____

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Lammer note.

Just have Mike Bohm put a DR item
in.

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ENCLOSURE

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TO PRESIDENT

FROM MACKERNAN, PADRAIC

DOCDATE 15 NOV 85

FITZGERALD, GARRET

15 NOV 85

KEYWORDS: IRELAND

GREAT BRITAIN

SUBJECT: THANK YOU LTR FROM PM FITZGERALD OF IRELAND RE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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February 25, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: PETER R. SOMMER *Peter*

SUBJECT: Your Meeting With the Irish Ambassador

At Ed Hickey's request, you are meeting with the Irish Ambassador, Padraic MacKernan, at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26. He will be accompanied by Embassy Political Counselor, Martin Burke.

MacKernan will have two main topics on his mind. First will be Prime Minister FitzGerald's request to meet with the President on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. The Irish are hoping for a major event, to include a White House meal, and have even suggested a Reagan-FitzGerald-Mulroney Summit. State has not endorsed either of these suggestions and instead has recommended a 20-minute Presidential meeting (Tab A). State's concerns, which we share, are the constraints on the President's schedule as well as fear that a "Irish Summit" would undercut -- by excluding the British -- our central theme that the Irish aid package will be aimed at both Irish "traditions," the standard Irish euphemism for Catholics and Protestants. A Summit would also detract from Mulroney's visit. The Irish aid package and its status will be the other topic of major interest to MacKernan.

Concerning the Presidential meeting, our 20-minute schedule proposal, which is currently with Fred Ryan, did not come up at last Friday's long-range scheduling meeting. We are pushing for an answer, but I think it best that you simply tell MacKernan we have recommended a meeting and the White House scheduling office is reviewing our recommendation. You may wish to add that you are confident that there will be an Irish event on St. Patrick's Day -- I can't imagine us turning them down. Given the Irish penchant for dealing exclusively with the White House, you might also say State will inform him as soon as we have an answer.

I hope the Irish aid package will be on its way to the Hill by the time you see MacKernan. State has made its formal request to OMB. The package requests \$250M over five-years. There is still uncertainty over how much will be cash. The package asks for a \$20M supplemental in FY86 (which will be offset elsewhere in the budget) and another \$20M cash contribution in FY87 through reprogramming. State is currently struggling to identify the reprogramming offset, which is the final step before OMB sends

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the legislative package to Chew for White House release. Other parts of the \$250M package will include such programs as Housing Guarantees, OPIC, and EX-IM. To repeat, we still hope -- perhaps optimistically -- that the Irish aid package will be on its way to the Hill by the time you meet with MacKernan.

RECOMMENDATION

That you draw on the above in preparation for your meeting with Ambassador MacKernan.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab A State's Recommendation on Meeting

Tab B MacKernan's Bio

cc: Jack Matlock
Ron Sable/Lynn Sachs

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United States Department of State



Washington, D.C. 20520

February 15, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Request for Irish Prime Minister's Call on
President Reagan, March 17

The Irish Ambassador has requested that the Department arrange for President Reagan to receive Prime Minister FitzGerald on March 17 for a 20-minute office call followed by an early lunch, for a total of two hours of the President's time. The purpose of the visit would be to present the traditional St. Patrick's Day shamrocks.

We understand that the Irish would like FitzGerald, who is coming to Washington to attend a dinner honoring Speaker O'Neill on March 17, to participate the next day in a three-way summit in which the President would meet jointly with FitzGerald and Canadian Prime Minister Mulroney. The Irish reportedly envisage the summit as a venue for the announcement of USG and GOC contributions to the international fund in support of the November 17 Anglo-Irish Agreement on Northern Ireland.

Because FitzGerald had an official working visit in Washington only two years ago, we believe it would be inappropriate to seek an appointment with the President that would extend beyond the 20 minutes associated with the shamrock presentation. With Mulroney arriving on March 16 for his own official working visit, it would also be inappropriate to divert attention from that event by substantial high-level treatment for FitzGerald. As for a three-way summit, neither we nor the Canadians would consider it prudent, in the context of our relations with the British, to use an Irish Government visit as the occasion for announcing contributions to the fund promoting joint Anglo-Irish interests.

We therefore recommend that the President agree to receive Prime Minister FitzGerald for only a 20-minute office call on March 17.

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Nicholas Platt
for Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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Rodney McDaniel	<u>5</u>	<u>✓</u>	_____
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cc: VP Regan Buchanan Other DRF RBM

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We have asked Ryan's office several times to confirm a 20-minute mtg 3/17 so that you could inform Mackinnan. Bob

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RECEIVED 27 FEB 86 09

TO POINDEXTER

FROM SOMMER

DOCDATE 25 FEB 86

4/28/10

KEYWORDS: IRELAND

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MACKERNAN, PADRAIC

BURKE, MARTIN

SUBJECT: POINDEXTER MTG W/ AMB MACKERNAN 26 FEB

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Concerning the Presidential meeting, our 20-minute schedule proposal, which is currently with Fred Ryan, did not come up at last Friday's long-range scheduling meeting. We are pushing for an answer, but I think it best that you simply tell MacKernan we have recommended a meeting and the White House scheduling office is reviewing our recommendation. You may wish to add that you are confident that there will be an Irish event on St. Patrick's Day -- I can't imagine us turning them down. Given the Irish penchant for dealing exclusively with the White House, you might also say State will inform him as soon as we have an answer.

I hope the Irish aid package will be on its way to the Hill by the time you see MacKernan. State has made its formal request to OMB. The package requests \$250M over five-years. There is still uncertainty over how much will be cash. The package asks for a \$20M supplemental in FY86 (which will be offset elsewhere in the budget) and another \$20M cash contribution in FY87 through reprogramming. State is currently struggling to identify the reprogramming offset, which is the final step before OMB sends

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the legislative package to Chew for White House release. Other parts of the \$250M package will include such programs as Housing Guarantees, OPIC, and EX-IM. To repeat, we still hope -- perhaps optimistically -- that the Irish aid package will be on its way to the Hill by the time you meet with MacKernan.

RECOMMENDATION

That you draw on the above in preparation for your meeting with Ambassador MacKernan.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab A State's Recommendation on Meeting

Tab B MacKernan's Bio

cc: Jack Matlock
Ron Sable/Lynn Sachs



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MEMORANDUM FOR VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Subject: Request for Irish Prime Minister's Call on
President Reagan, March 17

The Irish Ambassador has requested that the Department arrange for President Reagan to receive Prime Minister FitzGerald on March 17 for a 20-minute office call followed by an early lunch, for a total of two hours of the President's time. The purpose of the visit would be to present the traditional St. Patrick's Day shamrocks.

We understand that the Irish would like FitzGerald, who is coming to Washington to attend a dinner honoring Speaker O'Neill on March 17, to participate the next day in a three-way summit in which the President would meet jointly with FitzGerald and Canadian Prime Minister Mulroney. The Irish reportedly envisage the summit as a venue for the announcement of USG and GOC contributions to the international fund in support of the November 17 Anglo-Irish Agreement on Northern Ireland.

Because FitzGerald had an official working visit in Washington only two years ago, we believe it would be inappropriate to seek an appointment with the President that would extend beyond the 20 minutes associated with the shamrock presentation. With Mulroney arriving on March 16 for his own official working visit, it would also be inappropriate to divert attention from that event by substantial high-level treatment for FitzGerald. As for a three-way summit, neither we nor the Canadians would consider it prudent, in the context of our relations with the British, to use an Irish Government visit as the occasion for announcing contributions to the fund promoting joint Anglo-Irish interests.

We therefore recommend that the President agree to receive Prime Minister FitzGerald for only a 20-minute office call on March 17.

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Date January 17, 1986

For: VADM John M. Poindexter  
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The White House

Reference:

To: The President From: Brendan O'Regan

Date: 12-12-85 Subject:

Co-Operation North/Co-Operation Ireland

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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:

*John Nicholas Platt*  
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Executive Secretary

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January 17, 1986

Dr. Brendan O'Regan  
The National Institute  
for Higher Education  
Limerick, Ireland

Dear Mr. ~~O'Regan~~ <sup>Brendan</sup> O'Regan:

I am replying to your letter of December 12, 1985 to President Reagan.

We are looking at the question of U.S. assistance to support the Anglo-Irish Agreement on Northern Ireland at this time. We will keep your idea in mind as we review the most appropriate response for the United States Government.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

  
Martin A. Wenick  
Director  
Office of Northern European  
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12th December 1985

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cc:KAS*

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With renewed respect and good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Brendan O'Regan

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THE HON. T.P. O'NEILL,  
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CO-OPERATION NORTH/CO-OPERATION IRELAND - A FEARLESS WAY FORWARD

1.        The agony of Northern Ireland is rooted in fear. Translated into hatred and violence, that fear has:

- \* Yielded a mounting toll in lives
- \* Undermined the fabric of the economies of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland
- \* Deflected massive public monies to security from the resources of the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom
- \* Paralysed the confidence which characterised the accelerated economic growth achievements of the Sixties
- \* Created grave unemployment - North and South.

2.        The United States has generously indicated its commitment to a resolution of conflict in Northern Ireland. An undertaking to provide substantial economic investment is an incentive to the process of attaining peace in Ireland, North and South. However, because of deep-seated fears on all sides, that process is complex and lengthy and requires a broad foundation of mutual understanding and trust.

Co-operation North/Co-operation Ireland is a non-political movement, dedicated to fostering mutual understanding and trust on the island of Ireland, at all levels, across the economic, social and cultural spectrum.

3.        Since its foundation six years ago, Co-operation North has drawn to its Council, its Boards in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, and support Boards of Co-operation Ireland in the United States and Great Britain, eminent people - united in dismay by the continuing tragedy in Northern Ireland.

Its joint North/South Board and Council include many persons who spearheaded economic revitalisation in the Republic and Northern Ireland in the Sixties when industrial investment and tourism were achieving a modern Economic Miracle.

Co-operation North is financed from a number of different sources. It is non-governmental but has been recognised with annual funding from the Governments of the Republic of Ireland, the United Kingdom and the European Economic Community.

Co-operation North's programme has brought together people of all persuasions in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to collaborate in economic planning, trade, commerce, culture and youth activities. Cross-border studies of co-operation and joint efforts have been commissioned, seminars and conferences organised. In the past year alone some 15,000 people and almost 2,000 group organisations and companies have been involved in these activities.

4. Co-operation North is very aware that its budget and programme of activities needs to be greatly expanded.

Co-operation North is also convinced that this escalation of scale could be of fundamental import in overcoming violence and achieving prosperity in Ireland, North and South.

5. Media sources have speculated that more than \$500 million might become available from the U.S.A. in economic investment to consolidate a political agreement. However, Co-operation North remains avowedly non-political. Its object is to foster co-operation in economic, social and cultural spheres and from past experience it is clear that much of mutual advantage can be achieved through joint efforts in these areas. Co-operation North's Annual Report for 1984 shows considerable progress on a small budget. Very much more could be achieved with additional resources.

6. For example: from the income derived from, say \$20 million, Co-operation North could establish a series of small well-managed units, staffed by personnel from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. These could create a new image for both parts of Ireland, and greater employment North and South through:

- (i) Tourism Development co-operation
- (ii) Industrial Development co-operation
- (iii) Increased North/South Trade and Commerce
- (iv) The Irish Peace Institute which bonds together universities North and South (The University of Ulster, the National Institute for Higher Education, Limerick, and the Irish Peace Institute are already making advances in conflict resolution studies, focusing on Co-operation North's experience, and the experience of reconciliation in Europe initiated by the Marshall Plan.)
- (v) Science/Technology co-operation and the promotion of joint endeavours in other areas.

7. These North/South units would function under the co-ordinated supervision of Co-operation North, and in accord with guiding principles which have stood the test of time since Co-operation North's charter was approved in 1979.

8. Fear and terror have produced twin evils in Ireland - Unemployment and Violence. The end product is demoralisation, and a seriously undermined image for an island which significantly relies on overseas investment and tourism to restore its economic growth momentum. A new image and a new beginning can be created for both North and South by a dynamic working together in ways which do not threaten either tradition.

9. Co-operation North is convinced that the idea of North/South Co-operation has already taken root. Its proposals for expansion to a more telling scale are backed by the genuine conviction that understanding through co-operation can now flourish and shape an environment of mutual trust which will secure peace and prosperity in both parts of Ireland.

BRENDAN O'REGAN

May 2nd 1985.

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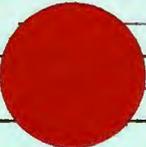
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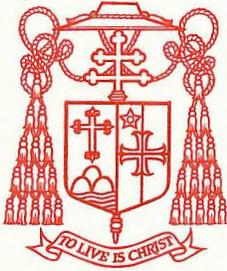
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CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE  
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January 4, 1986

*C. Anderson*  
Dear Mr. President:

Along with many other United States' Catholics, I encourage strongly the investment of private resources in Ireland, North and South. This seems one of the best ways in which we can help toward communal reconciliation in that troubled country, especially in the North where the recent Anglo-Irish Agreement has created new opportunities to resolve this ancient quarrel.

A persistent concern which many U.S. Citizens have, and one which I share, has to do with the apparent discriminatory employment practices in the North. For this reason, I found it a very creative move for peace in Northern Ireland that the U.S. Government, earlier this year, awarded a contract to the Short Brothers airframe company to supply some military aircraft to U.S. forces, and made the contract contingent on fair employment practices to be monitored by the Fair Employment Agency of Northern Ireland, whose excellent record is documented.

At present, the implementation of that fair employment proviso is endangered by what purports to be a jurisdictional dispute among trade unions, but which is actually a concerted attack on the non-discrimination features of the contract. Very responsible Northern Ireland Catholics report to me that this contract is an important symbol of fairness in the province, and that if it were allowed to be evaded, the U.S. Government's effort to create new jobs on a non-discriminatory basis would become a mockery, and contribute only to disillusionment.

This attack on the integrity of the American Government contract comes just at the time when the second phase of the contract is to be signed. It seems important to me, therefore, that our Government show that it is watching, indicate the seriousness with which it regards the fair employment provision of the contract and insist on its implementation. By doing so, we would strengthen the authority of the Fair Employment Agency and all those in government in Northern Ireland who strive to promote its purposes. This would also enable me, other American Catholics and interested citizens to encourage private investors from this country to play their part in the restoration of the economy in both parts of Ireland. I do not doubt that this could have great effect.

Your active interest in this matter, Mr President, will be critical in moving this matter significantly forward.

With cordial best wishes for the New Year for you, your wife and all those whom you hold dear, and asking God's blessing upon you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Bernard Cardinal Law*  
Archbishop of Boston

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message

For reasons you will understand better than anyone else, I am especially delighted to send greetings to everyone at the High Tea of the American Irish Foundation. Please let me join in the honor tendered today to Liam Canniffe, Consul General of Ireland, for his contributions to cordial relations between the two nations.

In the tradition of President John F. Kennedy and President Eamon De Valera, who together launched the American Irish Foundation, I encourage private citizens to build up those institutions -- cultural, educational and in social service -- which keep the Irish heritage green. I encourage pride in the men and women of Ireland who in such great numbers and in such great measure contributed to our nation's enrichment. And I particularly want to encourage Americans to let their foreign investment and vacation dollars find a profitable haven in Ireland. As a recent visitor to Ireland, I know how well spent and well invested that money will be.

Nancy joins me in wishing all of you a day to remember, and every happiness. God bless.

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September 20, 1985

Nancy and I send our warmest greetings to all those gathered at the Annual Award Dinner Dance of the American Irish Foundation.

Your organization was founded almost a quarter century ago with a worthy purpose: to commemorate and preserve the historic bonds that link the United States and Ireland. These bonds of understanding and affection seem to grow from year to year, so you must be doing something right.

America has, indeed, been abundantly blessed by the bedrock values of faith and family the Irish brought here. They brought as well those gifts of charm and courage and kindness for which they are so well known. There is no field of human endeavor -- from sports to the arts to the professions -- in which they have not left their mark. I've heard they even have an occasional impact in the world of politics.

And so it is entirely fitting that your foundation should work to foster cultural, educational, and scientific programs to heighten awareness of the rich Irish heritage to which so many Americans can lay claim, a heritage which has been a boon to all Americans, regardless of their ancestry.

I join in saluting the man you honor with your foundation's Distinguished Leadership Award this year, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. That I am willing to do so in spite of the disagreements we have from time to time shows what a wonderfully good-natured and forgiving lot we Irishmen really are.

Have a wonderful time, and God bless you all.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: PETER R. SOMMER *Peer*

SUBJECT: Appointment Request: Ambassador MacKernan

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Patrick MacKernan, Ireland's new Ambassador, has requested a meeting with you. It would be a general introductory meeting, but he will also surely want to give you his assessment of the status of the Anglo-Irish talks on Northern Ireland, and the prospects for an agreement.

I have explained to his office how busy you are in this pre-Geneva period. They appeared to understand.

Recommendation

That you agree to meet with Ambassador MacKernan upon your return from Geneva.

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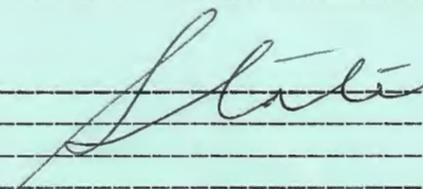
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TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO SUPPORT IT

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S/S 8628617

DATE September 30, 1986

FOR: VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
THE WHITE HOUSE

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Rev. W. Martin Smyth, MP
DATE: September 2, 1986 SUBJECT: Writes in opposition to
the Anglo-Irish Agreement and the Administration's Pledge to Provide
Funds to Support It
REFERRAL DATED: September 16, 1986 ID# 424357
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NICHOLAS PLATT
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 23, 1986

Dear Reverend Smyth:

Thank you for your letter of September 2 to President Reagan concerning the Anglo-Irish Agreement and U.S. plans to contribute to an international fund in support of this effort to find a solution to the problems of Northern Ireland. I have been requested to reply on his behalf. It is the view of the Government of the United States, that this agreement will contribute to finding a way out of the political stalemate and violence that plague Northern Ireland. President Reagan hailed the agreement as a "framework for peace" and "an important step toward reconciliation". It is with these views in mind that the U.S. decision to participate in the international fund was made.

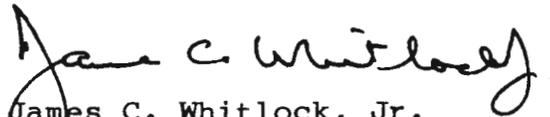
I fully agree with your statement that Northern Ireland needs good investments that will generate employment. The U.S. is already the largest foreign investor in Northern Ireland. The U.S. contribution to the Fund will be used largely in support of increased private sector activity and investment.

The international fund will be administered by a Board, comprised of United Kingdom and Irish members, selected by their respective governments. It is my understanding that private businessmen will play a prominent role. There will be a support staff to assist the two investment companies with technical assessments. The U.S. will be represented by a non-voting observer, who will participate fully in the Board's deliberations. There is, of course, no guarantee that all projects chosen will be successful. However, the overriding criteria for investment selection will be a professional assessment that the project is commercially viable, as well as contributing to the goals of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. These safeguards should meet the concerns you raised about the application of our contribution.

The Honorable
Reverend W. Martin Smyth, BA, BD, MP,
House of Commons,
London SW1A 0AA, England.

The U.S. contribution to the fund is a tangible statement of political and material support by the American people for the objective of the Anglo-Irish Agreement - reconciliation, dialogue and economic and social progress. I hope that as the details of the fund become known and its operations begin, our expectations for the use of this fund will be borne out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James C. Whitlock, Jr." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

James C. Whitlock, Jr.
Acting Director
Office of Northern European
Affairs

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 16, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:
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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 424357

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE REVEREND W. MARTIN SMYTH
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
HOUSE OF COMMONS
117 CREGAGH ROAD
BELFAST BT6 NORTHERN IRELAND

SUBJECT: WRITES IN OPPOSITION TO THE ANGLO - IRISH
AGREEMENT AND THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLEDGE
TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO SUPPORT IT

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

From: The Reverend W. Martin Smyth, BA., BD., MP...
(Belfast, South)

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117 Cregagh Road
BELFAST BT6 0LA

Phone:- Belfast
0232 - 57009

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

2nd September 1986.

RDC
President Ronald Reagan,
The White House,
Washington DC.

Dear President Reagan,

In the world of politics it is sometimes difficult to know what motivates people most, principle or expediency. Regretfully I suspect with favours done and elections pending the latter rules, although Paul did remind us that 'all things are not expedient'.

It seems to me and others that the high sounding language of Tokio to combat international terrorism and your action in Libya have not been matched in Northern Ireland. In fact whether aware of it or not, in my opinion, the Anglo-Irish Agreement has fed the flames of Irish republican terror with its undeniable international link and stoked the fires of loyalist reaction.

You stand pledged to provide funds to support this agreement. Northern Ireland undoubtedly needs good investment. We have had the charade of De Lorean and Lear Fan to mention only two that have not been good. What steps are you taking to see that the fifty million appropriated in 1986 will not be frittered away likewise? Or even worse, support Irish Republican advances.

Personally I am doubtful if such finance is needful. If the British government had had the support claimed over the years from the Irish Republic's government in the fight against the IRA the problem of Irish terrorism would have been resolved long since. Indeed if it had not been for the finances from Nor Aid and similar sources funding the IRA and the anti-British position of those like Senator Kennedy and Speaker O'Neill giving moral support against Northern Ireland as part of the United Kingdom I do not believe we would now be in our sixteenth year of urban terrorism.

When one considers the social welfare needs of some United States citizens as a result of internal cutbacks and the manipulation of your International Fund with deductions from other more needy countries, especially in Africa and Asia I question what is the political motivation for the fund? There is no moral ground.

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I would urge a rethink of the position. Ulster people who per capita have been more generous in helping others than the rest of the United Kingdom do not wish to rob those in real need. Most certainly they will not allow such finances to deter them from their stated position of remaining separate from a Nation of which they were never a part.

As a champion of democratic rights I would urge you to respect them on behalf of Northern Ireland. The Anglo-Irish Agreement has taken decisions from the people and handed them to a committee which does not represent them.

You will remember that such a decision led to the American War of Independence. It is not without significance that many Ulster-Scots, Scots-Irish, played their part in that struggle. Their successors have a similar attitude today.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'W. Martin Smyth'.

W. Martin Smyth MP.

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 30, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ANDREW P. O'ROURKE

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING U.S. ASSISTANCE IN THE
RESTORATION OF THE ECONOMY OF "NORTHERN
IRELAND"

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 25, 1986

The Honorable Andrew P. O'Rourke
County Executive
Westchester County
388 Crestwood Avenue
Yonkers, New York 10707

Dear Mr. O'Rourke:

Thank you for your letter of September 17, 1986 regarding U.S. assistance in the restoration of the economies of Northern Ireland and the adjacent counties of Ireland. The President has referred it to me for a response.

The United States on September 26, 1986 entered into a tripartite agreement with the Governments of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, providing \$50 million to the International Fund for Northern Ireland and Ireland for fiscal year 1986. These funds were appropriated to the Agency for International Development and will be expended in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Foreign Assistance Act. The funds will go to projects in both Northern Ireland and the adjacent counties of the Irish Republic.

Because the Fund, while chartered, has not come into formal being, the U.S. contribution was placed in a trust account pending the establishment of by-laws and operational procedures for the Fund. A.I.D. has communicated ideas on the nature and scope of the Fund's activities and will review the Fund's plans before the U.S. funds are released from the trust account to the Fund.

The U.S. contribution is intended to demonstrate our support for the Anglo-Irish Accord agreed at Hillsborough in November 1985. We continue to believe that provides a solid basis for progress. Please let me know if my staff or I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jayne H. Plank".

Jayne H. Plank
Director, Intergovernmental Affairs
Office of Legislative and
Intergovernmental Affairs

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8632926

DATE _____

FOR: VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
THE WHITE HOUSE

REFERENCE:

TO: The President FROM: Andrew P. O'Rourke

DATE: September 17, 1986 SUBJECT: U.S. Assistance in the
Restoration of the Economy of "Northern Ireland".

REFERRAL DATED: October 21, 1986 ID# 428118
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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OCTOBER 21, 1986

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: THE HONORABLE ANDREW P. O'ROURKE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WESTCHESTER COUNTY
388 CRESTWOOD AVENUE
YONKERS NY 10707

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING U.S. ASSISTANCE IN THE
RESTORATION OF THE ECONOMY OF "NORTHERN
IRELAND"

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 17, 1986

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Dear Andy:

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

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the Intergovernmental Affairs Office at the Department of State 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.

Sincerely,



Cristena L. Bach
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. Andrew P. O'Rourke
County Executive
388 Crestwood Avenue
Yonkers, New York 10707

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ANDREW P. O'ROURKE

428118

September 17, 1986

388 Crestwood Avenue
Yonkers, N.Y. 10707

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Hon. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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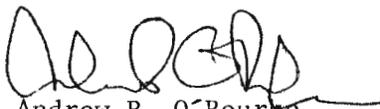
You have expressed support for the new Anglo-Irish "Agreement" and pledged United States assistance in the restoration of the economy of "Northern Ireland." Please permit me to invite your increased interest in Irish affairs. I further most respectfully invite your attention to a letter from a bi-partisan group of 34 Members of Congress, led by Chairman Mario Biaggi of the Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs, and including Senator Alfonse D'Amato and Congressmen Hamilton Fish, Jr., Benjamin Gilman and Joseph J. DiGuardi, all of whom represent Westchester County in Washington. This letter, which I most emphatically endorse, urges that any economic aid to those six of the divided Irish Province of Ulster's nine counties known as "Northern Ireland" be done in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Foreign Assistance Act, especially with regard to the recipient nations respecting and protecting human rights. I agree that the United States must not underwrite continued discrimination in British-occupied north-east Ireland. I further concur in the necessity to eliminate both civil and state violence in "Northern Ireland." Unlike the British government, I do not believe there is any such thing as an "acceptable level of violence" in the community.

It is responsible statesmanship to point out that the prospect of future U.S. economic aid to "Northern Ireland" should stimulate rather than retard the reunification of Ireland which is the sine qua non of a viable political solution. In this respect the economic incentives and the formula contained in H.R. 2597 are still the best idea yet advanced; until the British government declares its intent to remove itself from Ireland and from interference in Irish affairs, only symptoms not the disease itself can be treated.

It is worthy of note that the 1937 Constitution of Ireland claims sovereignty over the entire island of Ireland, her islands and territorial seas. The principle of the sovereign independence of the Irish nation unfettered throughout the Irish homeland continues to enjoy the allegiance of Irish people throughout the world, including the Irish-American community. A stable Ireland enjoying "peace with justice and honor" (to quote John Cardinal O'Connor) should also be seen as a matter of enlightened self-interest for the United States and for the entire North Atlantic community. Please remember then-Taoiseach Charles Haughey's 1982 Saint Patrick's Day appeal to you in the White House; be mindful as well of your own family heritage.

As Patrick Pearse, leader of the 1916 Easter Rising and President of the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic said so prophetically, "Ireland unfree, shall never be at peace!"

Very truly yours,


Andrew P. O'Rourke
County Executive
Westchester County

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 30, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE WILLIAM ROSS M.P.

SUBJECT: OPPOSES THE FINANCIAL AID THAT THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT INTENDS GIVING TO NORTHERN IRELAND
AND THE IRISH REPUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND *

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S/S 8634245

DATE November 21, 1986

FOR: VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
THE WHITE HOUSE

REFERENCE:

TO: The President FROM: William Ross, M.P., Londonderry,
Northern Ireland, U.K.
DATE: October, 1986 SUBJECT: Opposition to financial
aid USG intends giving to N.I. and the Irish Republic in accordance
with the agreement between the U.K. and the Government of Ireland
Nov. 15, 1985
REFERRAL DATED: November 4, 1986 ID# 443555
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 21, 1986

The Honorable William Ross, M.P.
Turmeel, Dungiven
Co. Londonderry
Northern Ireland
United Kingdom

Dear Mr. Ross:

Thank you for your letter to President Reagan concerning the United States Government's contribution to the International Fund for Northern Ireland and Ireland. I have been asked to respond on behalf of the President.

The \$50 million dollar contribution by the United States for 1986 is, as you correctly pointed out, an insignificant sum in comparison with the amount spent by HMG to administer Northern Ireland. However, our contribution is aimed at stimulating private investment and private sector activity in Northern Ireland and areas of the Republic affected by the violence and instability of the past 16 years. When viewed in the more limited purposes of the fund, it is a significant contribution to the economic life of both areas.

There is no expectation that this Fund will serve to stop IRA terrorism in the short term. The goal of the US contribution is to promote economic growth and thereby serve as a basis for improved relations between the two communities.

The British Government has placed a strong emphasis on the International Fund as one step towards a more normal and peaceful existence for everyone in Northern Ireland. We are very pleased to be able to provide tangible support for this goal with our contribution and hope that the result will be a beneficial one.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ford Cooper".

Ford Cooper
Director
Office of Northern European
Affairs

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NOVEMBER 4, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEDIA: LETTER,

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE WILLIAM ROSS M.P.
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR
EAST LONDONDERRY
HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A0AA ENGLAND

SUBJECT: OPPOSES THE FINANCIAL AID THAT THE U. S.
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WILLIAM ROSS, M.P.
*Member of Parliament
for East Londonderry.*

Turmeel,
Dungiven,
Co. Londonderry.

Telephone: Dungiven (Code 050 47) 41428

October, 1986

Dear Mr. President,

The United States Government intends injecting into the areas of Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic which have suffered most from terrorist activity a sum of fifty million dollars in the current fiscal year with further sums to be expended in subsequent years.

It is clear that these sums are intended to bolster up the Agreement signed between the United Kingdom and the Government of Northern Ireland on the 15th November, 1985.

If you take the trouble to inspect Government expenditure in Northern Ireland you will see that the sums mentioned above pale into insignificance in relation to the total United Kingdom Government expenditure in the Province of about three thousand five hundred million pounds sterling per annum. Of this sum about one thousand million pounds per annum is a direct redistribution of wealth from other parts of the United Kingdom. This is because tax revenue in Northern Ireland runs at about two and a half thousand million pounds sterling, i.e. there is a short fall of about one billion.

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It seems to me that the idea that the sums injected by the United States will do anything to stop I.R.A. violence or bring the communities closer together in Northern Ireland or create better relations between the inhabitants of Northern Ireland and the Republic is at variance with the facts of life.

I fully understand the idea of placating or buying off the population which provides support for the terrorist but I would point out that such a policy is normally applied where the regimes in question are oppressive and where there are large peasant populations. Northern Ireland is not in that situation, it is part of an economically mature country living under one of the most liberal democratic systems in the world.

The I.R.A., Like terrorists everywhere, have an ideology and are not to be bought off with money. Indeed, their ideological commitment means that terrorists simply have to be fought to a standstill.

The terrorism emanating from the I.R.A. is not, therefore, a reaction against oppression but is rather the continuation of a battle to extend the national territories of the Irish Republic. Since this is the ideology on which the terrorist has built his campaign of violence the injection of sums of money from overseas only serve to confirm in the minds of the terrorists the view that the damage he has inflicted is proving effective.

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In any case it is my view that it is the duty of the United Kingdom to look after the welfare of its own citizens and territory by proper application of social, economic and military measures, not least on its own frontier. It seems to me that in general so far as is financially possible to do so the United Kingdom has discharged its duty with a greater liberality than most Governments in similar circumstances. The failure of the United Kingdom Government lies in the fact that they, like the United States Government, have not yet come to terms with or understand the real motivations which underlie the terrorist action. The United Kingdom Government has, at the same time, refused to act on the views of those elected to represent the people of Northern Ireland whose opinion has been reinforced time and time again through the ballot box.

In short this sort of United States spending is so misconceived and misdirected as to be totally daft.

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