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# WITHDRAWAL SHEET

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## MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 16, 1981

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NLRR 748-15-24-1-4  
BY 1605 NARA DATE 7/15

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *RA*  
SUBJECT: Your Luncheon with Irish Ambassador  
Sean Donlon, Tuesday, March 17, 1981

Attached are the materials you will need for your luncheon at the Irish Embassy on St. Patrick's Day:

- "Ice-breaking" topics
- Background information
- Biographic information
- Toast
- Press statement

In addition to the luncheon itself, you will be presented a traditional shamrock, a Reagan family tree done on vellum, and the First Lady will be presented a gift of Irish handicraft, probably Belleek china. Your toast, now being worked by the speechwriters, makes a strong statement condemning terrorism in Northern Ireland. We have not fully worked out our policy towards the Northern Ireland issue, but opposition to terrorism will be a strong part of it, and consultation with the Irish and the British Governments will be another component. (C)

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker

CONFIDENTIAL  
Review on March 17, 1987

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

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INFORMATION

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March 16, 1981

BY 100 NARA DATE 11/12

THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT:

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Attached are the materials you will need for your luncheon at the Irish Embassy on St. Patrick's Day:

- "The President's Choice"
- Background information
- Biographic information
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cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
James Baker

CONFIDENTIAL  
Review on 12/15/1981

"Ice-Breaking Topics"

-- I am sorry Prime Minister Haughey was unable to make his planned trip to the United States. I hope he will be able to make a visit in the near future.

-- I am interested in your dual role as Ambassador to the United States and to Mexico; how do you handle the split responsibilities?

-- I know that the strife in Northern Ireland is an extremely sensitive issue, and we appreciate your personal role in discouraging support in this country for the terrorist groups.

-- As she said in Parliament recently, Mrs. Thatcher and I did not discuss the subject of Northern Ireland in our meetings. How are relations now between your country and England in working on the Northern Ireland issue?

-- The reaction against what we are trying to accomplish in El Salvador has been especially strong in Ireland; why is that so, and how can we more fully explain our policy there, even to those who probably will not agree with it?

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BRIEFING PAPER

The President's Luncheon with  
Irish Ambassador Sean Donlon  
March 17, 1981

SETTING

Your agreeing to attend the St. Patrick's Day luncheon in your honor at the Irish Embassy will be greatly appreciated and widely applauded in Ireland and throughout the Irish-American community in the United States.

St. Patrick's Day has been customarily marked by the Irish Ambassador or a visiting Irish government official presenting the President a ceremonial shamrock at the White House and a gift of Irish handicraft to the wife of the President. This year, you will also be presented a special gift of the Reagan Irish family tree done on vellum. Your going to the Irish Embassy will be seen as an especially gracious gesture.

The occasion also presents you with an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to a peaceful solution of the tragic problem in Northern Ireland and our opposition to all forms of violence and terrorism. Your St. Patrick's Day statement (attached), which strongly emphasizes these positions, will be warmly received by both the Irish and British governments, as well as by the Irish-American community.

Your host, Ambassador Donlon, has been a courageous and effective exponent of moderation on Northern Ireland within the Irish-American community and has, as a result, been subject to vicious personal attack by a small but very vocal minority. He would personally appreciate your words of encouragement for his efforts to counteract support in this country for terrorist groups in Northern Ireland.

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Toast to be provided by  
the speechwriter.

## MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR KEN KHACHIGIAN

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT: Proposed toast for the President at his luncheon with  
Irish Ambassador Sean Donlon, Tuesday, March 17, 1981

Attached is a proposed toast for the President's use on St. Patrick's Day at the Irish Embassy.

I have forwarded other background material to the President and said that you will be giving him the toast as soon as you have reviewed it.

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The President's Luncheon with  
Irish Ambassador Donlon  
March 17, 1981

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Proposed Toast

NLRR 78-15-24-9-6

BY LCB NARA DATE 7/7/13

Mr. Ambassador, Mrs. Donlon, honored guests, I am delighted to have been able to accept this kind offer of hospitality on this always special day in Irish-American relations, when we are reminded of the truly extraordinary ties that have long bound our two countries, since the day when the first of many million Irish persons landed on these shores.

Mr. Ambassador, I am doubly appreciative of your hospitality on this day when I know your presence is in demand not just around Washington, but also throughout the United States, where we observe St. Patrick's Day with a fervor equal to that in Ireland.

I am honored to have received from you the traditional shamrock, which symbolizes the bonds of friendship between us, and I thank you as well for the kind gifts you have presented, particularly the beautiful vellum Reagan Irish family tree.

As we observe this day of celebration, we cannot forget that conflict and violence continue in Northern Ireland. We hope that all those engaged in violence will renounce this course and commit themselves to peaceful pursuit of legitimate goals. Violence and terrorism cannot solve Northern Ireland's problems but only increase them. What is required is that reasonable men and women on both sides bridge the long-standing divisions through good will and compromise. Such efforts will continue to have our full support.

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Mr. Ambassador, Mrs. Donlon, honored guests, I ask you to join me in a toast to the enduring friendship between the Irish and American peoples.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 16, 1981

TO: DICK ALLEN

FROM: DANA ROHRABACHER

DR

The President will be giving a toast at the Irish Embassy tomorrow (March 17). This is what we propose.

Please have any comments back to me by noon today.

LUNCHEON - IRISH EMBASSY: MARCH 17, 1981

Mr. Ambassador, Mrs. Donlon, honored guests: I am delighted to be here on this special day for Irish-American relations. Today reminds us of the truly extraordinary ties between our two countries. In the last century millions of Irishmen landed on our shore to escape famine and oppression.

Ours is truly a Nation of immigrants, and among the proudest and best of these were the Irish. Their descendents are the cement that will always bind our two countries. I am proud to be part of that tradition.

I am honored to have received from you, Mr. Ambassador, the traditional shamrock, which symbolizes the friendship between us, and I thank you as well for the other kind gifts, particularly the beautiful scroll of the Reagan Irish family tree.

Yet, most of all, I appreciate, Mr. Ambassador, the bit of Irish hospitality you are personally extending to me on this day when I know your presence is in demand -- not just in Washington, but also throughout the United States, where St. Patrick's Day is observed with a fervor equal to that in Ireland.

Today is a day when there are only two kinds of Americans. Those of Irish descent -- and those who wish they were. I suspect that when I return to the White House

my National Security Adviser -- who also happens to have a bit of Irish blood -- will rush to me with a report that our satellites are observing that the entire country is turning into a shade of Irish green. It reminds me of these heartfelt words of Dion Boucicault (boo-see-koh):

When law can stop the blades of grass,  
from growing as they grow,  
And when the leaves in Summertime their  
colors dare not show,  
Then will I change the colour too, I wear  
in my caubeen,  
But till that day, plaze God, I'll stick to  
wearin' o' the green.

The joy for life and happiness in the hearts of the sons and daughters of Ireland is a blessing shared by the entire world every St. Patrick's Day. But as we observe this day of celebration, we cannot forget the conflict and violence that continues in Northern Ireland. We pray for the safety of the innocent, and for the conversion of those engaged in this useless terrorism.

We have no deeper wish than that by next St. Patrick's Day, reasonable men and women on both sides in Northern Ireland will bridge long-standing divisions through good will and compromise. Such efforts continue to have the full backing of the American people, and the utmost support of their President.

And now, Mr. Ambassador, Mrs. Donlon, honored guests,  
I ask you to join me in a toast to the enduring friendship  
between the Irish and American peoples.

Proposed St. Patrick's Day Statement  
by President Reagan

Each year, St. Patrick's Day reminds us of the close and special ties of friendship and kinship between the United States and Ireland, the ancestral homeland of millions of Americans. Our two countries are bound together not just by family ties, but also by common commitment to spiritual and democratic principles and shared aspirations for peace and justice.

On this day of celebration, I join all Americans in extending to the people of Ireland our warmest greetings and best wishes.

Let us hope, as well, that the spirit of peace symbolized by St. Patrick's Day will soon heal the wounds of Northern Ireland. The deep and longstanding divisions there can be bridged only through the good will and compromises of reasonable men and women on both sides. We in the United States would not presume to interfere in that process or prescribe solutions, but we will continue to urge the parties to come together for a just and peaceful solution. We will continue to join in condemning all acts of terrorism by either side.

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Violence and terrorism cannot solve Northern Ireland's problems but only increase them. I call on all Americans to question closely any appeal for financial or other aid from groups involved in the tragic communal conflict to make sure that contributions do not end up in the hands of those who perpetuate violence, either directly or indirectly.

On this St. Patrick's Day, I add my prayers to those of the vast majority of the people of Northern Ireland, who wish fervently for peace, that they will at last prevail over the minority who sow fear and terror.

March 17, 1981

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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INFORMATION

March 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: Toast at Irish Embassy Tomorrow

I have reviewed the attached material which the speechwriters have worked over for the President's toast at the Irish Embassy tomorrow. I think it hits just the right note, substantive as well as stylistic.

cc: Dana Rohrabacher

cc: The Vice President  
Ed Meese  
Jim Baker  
Jim Brady

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*ok*  
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## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

March 14, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

THROUGH: CHARLES TYSON

FROM: DENNIS BLAIR *deb*SUBJECT: Material for the President's luncheon with Irish  
Ambassador Sean Donlon, Tuesday, March 17, 1981

Attached is a memorandum for your signature to the President forwarding talking points, background information and a press release for the St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Irish Embassy. (Tab A)

The substantive point to make at the lunch is our condemnation of terrorism in Northern Ireland. The same theme is echoed in the St. Patrick's Day press release. Although we have not made a complete review of our policy towards Northern Ireland, the opposition to terrorism there will be an essential element of whatever policy we work out.

One other memo is provided for your signature, to Ken Khachigian, forwarding the toast that the President will use at the luncheon. (Tab B)

The proposed press release at Tab C needs your approval before transmission to the Press Office.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That you forward the attached memoranda, at Tabs A and B.

*fu*

Approve

\_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove

That you approve the proposed press release at Tab C.

*fu*

Approve

\_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove

cc: Phyllis Kaminsky



## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 13, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN  
THE WHITE HOUSE

NLRR 748-15-24-4-1

BY \_\_\_\_\_ NARA DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: The President's Luncheon with Irish Ambassdor  
Sean Donlon, Tuesday, March 17, 1981

Attached are a briefing paper and biographic sketches for the President's luncheon with Irish Ambassador Sean Donlon on St. Patrick's Day. We will provide a guest list as soon as it is available from the Irish Embassy.

Also attached are a draft luncheon toast, as well as a proposed St. Patrick's Day statement, which could be issued in the President's name, recalling the special ties between the United States and Ireland, condemning the violence and terrorism which continue to afflict Northern Ireland, and urging a peaceful solution to that conflict. Such a statement would be warmly received by both the Irish and British governments, as well as by the Irish-American community.

L. Paul Bremer, III  
Executive Secretary

## Attachments:

1. Briefing Paper.
2. Biographic Sketches.
3. Proposed Toast.
4. Proposed St. Patrick's Day Statement.

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TALKING POINTSCourtesy  
Points

-- I am sorry Prime Minister Haughey was unable to make his planned trip to the United States, as I had looked forward to seeing him. Please convey to him and President Hillery my very best wishes.

-- As Ireland's Ambassador to the United States, you also represent your country to millions of Americans of Irish heritage, a responsibility you must share with very few diplomats around the world. How have you found this role?

Northern  
Ireland

-- My St. Patrick's Day statement, which was issued this morning, emphasizes that our policy on Northern Ireland will remain one of strict impartiality. We will continue to urge the parties to come together for a peaceful solution, and we will continue to join you in condemning all acts of violence and terrorism on both sides.

-- We particularly appreciate the personal role you have played in discouraging support in this country for terrorist groups in Northern Ireland.

Attachments

1. Luncheon Toast.
2. St. Patrick's Day Statement.
3. Biographic Sketches.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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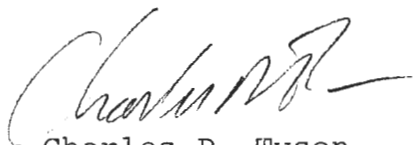
March 12, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR:

L. Paul Bremer III  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT: St. Patrick's Day Lunch at Irish Embassy

The President will be dining at the Irish Embassy on St. Patrick's Day at 11:45 a.m. Please provide talking points, a background paper and a proposed toast for the President's use on this occasion. I would appreciate receiving these materials by close of business March 13.



Charles P. Tyson

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St. Patrick's Day Lunch at Irish Embassy

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L. Paul Bremer III

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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March 9, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR:


L. Paul Bremer III  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT:

Briefing Points for Meeting of the  
President with Irish Ambassador Donlon  
(March 17)

In connection with the possible meeting of the President with the Irish Ambassador on St. Patrick's Day, request State provide briefing points and background information.

Please include in the briefing points three or four "ice-breaking" questions for the President's use at the outset of the meeting. This material should be received in the NSC by no later than close of business March 13.

  
Charles P. Tyson

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

March 9, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHARLES P. TYSON  
FROM: DENNIS C. BLAIR *DCB*  
SUBJECT: Briefing Points for Meeting of the  
President with Irish Ambassador Donlong

The memo at Tab I from you to Jerry Bremer requests talking points from State for the possible St. Patrick's Day call by the Irish Ambassador on the President.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign and forward the attached memo.

Approve *CPT* Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

cc: Allen Lenz

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blh*

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

March 12, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHARLES P. TYSON  
FROM: DENNIS C. BLAIR *DCB*  
SUBJECT: President's St. Patrick's Day Lunch at  
Irish Embassy

Attached is a memo for your signature requesting materials for the President's luncheon at the Irish Embassy. I have already talked to the Irish desk officer at State to prepare him for this request.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Approve ✓Disapprove       *cc: Lenz*

JR  
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EMBASSY OF IRELAND

2234 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008

March 12 1981

Mr Charles Tyson  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

Dear Mr Tyson

Attached is a copy of the letter sent to the President.  
On our side, the following colleagues will deal with  
various aspects of the occasion:

Protocol	Mr John Burke, Counsellor Office direct line 462-3825 Home 966-2368
Press	Mr Ted Smyth, First Secretary Office 462-3939 Home (212) 751-0969
Security	Mr Frank Sheridan, Third Secretary Office direct line 462-3873 Home 656-8036
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Please let me know if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Seán Donlon  
Ambassador of Ireland

March 12 1981

The President  
The White House  
Washington DC

Dear Mr President

Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated by the Irish both in Ireland and throughout the world. No where is it celebrated with such joy and enthusiasm as in the United States.

It would, therefore, be a particular pleasure to have you and Mrs Reagan at the Embassy, a little piece of Ireland in the nation's capital, on March 17th at a luncheon given in your honor.

I have the honor to be, Mr President

Yours sincerely

Seán Donlon  
Ambassador of Ireland

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TO: RICHARD ALLEN  
FROM: GREGORY J. NEWELL  
SUBJ: Approved Presidential Activity

Please take the necessary steps to implement the following and confirm with Helene von Damm, ext. 2699. The appropriate briefing paper should be submitted to Dick Darman by 3:00 p.m. of the preceding day.

Meeting: with Irish Ambassador Sean Donlon.

Mrs. Reagan Participation: Yes

Date: March 17

Time: 11:45 am

Duration: 15 mins

Location: Oval Office

Press Coverage: Press photo pool

Purpose: Traditional shamrock presentation for St. Patrick's Day

Note: Following the President's meeting, please submit a confirmed list of actual participants, including staff or Administration attendees to me. Include full names and business titles for non-White House participants.

CC: Michael Deaver	Elizabeth Dole
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David Gergen	Peter McCoy
Joseph Canzeri	Nina Wormser
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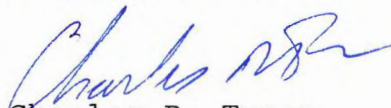
L. Paul Bremer III  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT:

Briefing Points for Meeting of the  
President with Irish Ambassador Donlon  
(March 17)

In connection with the possible meeting of the President with the Irish Ambassador on St. Patrick's Day, request State provide briefing points and background information.

Please include in the briefing points three or four "ice-breaking" questions for the President's use at the outset of the meeting. This material should be received in the NSC by no later than close of business March 13.

  
Charles P. Tyson

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL  
DATE: March 5, 1981  
FROM: Richard V. Allen, *W*  
VIA: Michael Deaver

MEETING: St. Patrick's Day call by Irish Ambassador, Sean Donlon

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 1981 (anytime but 10:00 - 12:00 noon)

PURPOSE: To present traditional shamrock to the President on St. Patrick's Day. In addition, to present to Mrs. Reagan a gift of Beeleek porcelain, and the Reagan Irish family tree stitched on linen.

FORMAT: The Oval Office  
Mrs. Reagan  
15 minutes

CABINET PARTICIPATION: The Vice President

SPEECH MATERIAL: President's remarks to be prepared by speechwriters  
NSC will provide background paper on Ambassador Donlon

PRESS COVERAGE: Meeting will be announced  
Full photo coverage

STAFF: Mr. Richard Allen

RECOMMENDED: Department of State (see attached request)

OPPOSED: None

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

BACKGROUND: Originally Prime Minister Haughey had been scheduled to visit the United States at this time, and had been invited to call on the President. The Prime Minister cancelled his trip for domestic political reasons, and requested that Ambassador Donlon be received in his place. It is not anticipated that the meeting would involve substantive discussions.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

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DENNIS BLAIR TO R. ALLEN RE DONLAN VISIT

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BY EOB DATE 7-1-81MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN  
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Cancellation of Visit to Washington by  
Irish Prime Minister Haughey

The Irish Ambassador, Sean Donlon, has informed us that Prime Minister Haughey very much appreciates the President's willingness to see him on March 17 but that, unfortunately, due to domestic political considerations, the Prime Minister will be unable to come to Washington this year.

The Prime Minister has asked if the President would receive in his place Ambassador Donlon, who would present the traditional shamrock to the President on the occasion of St. Patrick's Day. The Ambassador would also wish to present a gift of Beleek pottery to Mrs. Reagan, as well as the Reagan Irish family tree done on linen. In conveying this request, the Ambassador noted that he will be attending a St. Patrick's Day mass beginning at 10:30 a.m. for about an hour.

L. Paul Bremer, III  
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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE HAUGHEY VISIT TO U.S.

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BY LD NARA DATE 7/1/88

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2. DURING A FEBRUARY 15 MEETING WITH U.S. SENATOR CHRISTOPHER DODD (D-CONN), IRISH PRIME MINISTER HAUGHEY TOLD AMBASSADOR SHANNON THAT HE PROBABLY WILL NOT GO AHEAD WITH TENTATIVE PLANS HE HAD TO PAY A PRIVATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN MARCH. HAUGHEY COMMENTED THAT, ON REFLECTION, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD NOT BE A PARTICULARLY GOOD TIME TO GO SINCE THERE WOULD BE A LONG LINE OF GOVERNMENT HEADS WAITING TO SEE PRESIDENT REAGAN. AS A RESULT, THERE WOULD NOT LIKELY BE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR GOOD SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER U.S. LEADERS.

3. TALKING SHOFTLY AFTERWARD WITH AMBASSADOR SHANNON, SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT DERMOT NALLY SAID NO FINAL DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN BUT ADDED THAT IT'S "ABOUT 80 PERCENT CERTAIN" THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT TRAVEL TO THE U.S. IN MARCH.

4. HOWEVER, AT FOREIGN MINISTER LENIHAN'S FEBRUARY 15 LUNCHEON FOR SENATOR DODD, LENIHAN TOLD AMBASSADOR SHANNON THAT HE HAS BEEN URGING THE PRIME MINISTER TO UNDERTAKE THE TRIP AND STILL HOPES HE WILL DO SO.

5. COMMENT. THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATED REASONS FOR RELUCTANCE TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN MARCH MAY NOT BE THE ONLY ONES. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT HE WANTS TO STICK CLOSE TO HOME IN THE RUN-UP TO AN IRISH GENERAL ELECTION

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## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

February 10, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD V. ALLEN  
THRU: CHARLES P. TYSON  
FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER  
SUBJECT: Revised Schedule Proposal for Irish Prime Minister

The Schedule Proposal at Tab A covering a recommended March 17 meeting between the President and Irish Prime Minister Haughey incorporates the reference you wanted to the President's genealogy.

In the interest of consistency from here on out, do you want to "casualize" all the names in these Proposals (i.e., Al Haig, George Bush, etc.)?

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the Schedule Proposal at Tab A.

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

*change to 45 MMS  
and make sure  
Scheduling knows*

*No  
But just put  
But Allen - that's  
fine*

*We need to inform Irish Ambassador  
that meeting approved (when it  
is actually approved). I think  
State ought to do it, but I am  
committed to call the Ambassador  
[Irene - I will call this week]*

*Noted ign*

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RE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER HAUGHEY

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## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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February 6, 1981

## ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD V. ALLEN  
THRU: CHARLES P. TYSON  
FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER  
SUBJECT: Schedule Proposal for Irish Prime Minister

The Schedule Proposal at Tab A covering a recommended March 17 meeting between the President and Irish Prime Minister Haughey is self-explanatory.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the Schedule Proposal at Tab A.

APPROVE

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*As Amended,  
note that P.M.  
will probably  
make reference to  
P. ~~last~~ ancestry.  
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on the project.  
Does that know?*

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BY 628 NARA DATE 7/15

MEMORANDUM FOR: MICHAEL K. DEAVER  
FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*  
SUBJECT: Visit of the Irish Prime Minister

I received a call from Irish Ambassador Donlon, who requests a meeting between Prime Minister Charles J. Haughey and the President on or about March 17.

It is traditional that the Irish Ambassador present shamrocks to the President on March 17, and inasmuch as the Prime Minister may come to New York and Washington on the days preceding St. Patrick's Day, it would be highly appropriate for him to meet briefly with the President on the 17th. In this instance he himself would present the shamrocks, if that were deemed appropriate.

This seems to me to be a reasonable request, and I would appreciate a word from you so that we can notify the State Department within the next day.

*We discussed in Oval Office 3 Feb 81  
Basically favorably disposed.*

cc: James A. Baker, III  
Edwin Meese, III

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Review on March 18, 1981

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

INFORMATION

March 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: A.M. Briefing Item For The President (Tuesday, March 17)

You may want to alert the President to the fact that Dutch Ambassador Lubbers will be among Sean Donlon's guests at the Irish Embassy lunch tomorrow (he will be attending in his capacity as the current representative of the European Council Presidency - it is a six-month "tour" and the Netherlands is now in the chair); Lubbers may well attempt to beard the President on two items:

- Visit of Dutch Prime Minister van Agt. He may push for the President to agree to an official visit toward the end of this month (a schedule proposal, with Haig's strong endorsement, has already gone forward); *I gather this visit is approved.*
- Visit of Queen Beatrix in April, 1982. The Netherlands will celebrate the bicentennial of its official relationship with the U.S. next year (200 years of unbroken ties, the longest on record, beating even the French) and wants to commemorate the occasion with a number of high-level cultural and political events, including a royal visit in mid-April, 1982.

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