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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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COR NARA DATE 7/7/65

March 16, 1982

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

WILLIAM P. CLARK ω

SUBJECT:

Your Meeting with Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey, Wednesday, March 17, 1982, 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Prime Minister Haughey's (pronounced HAW-hee) visit to the White House will be both a social and a business occasion. The social side will be the luncheon. Your toast addresses America's Irish roots and the values of freedom that we share. The business side will be the statement issued by the press office which reiterates our concerned-but-impartial policy on Northern Ireland, and your half-hour meeting with the Prime Minister.

At Tab A, I have summarized the talking points for the meeting. State's briefing memorandum at Tab B provides background for these points. By far the two most prominent issues are Northern Ireland and El Salvador. On Northern Ireland, both in your public statement, and personally with Haughey, we want to emphasize our concern for the tragedy, our condemnation of terrorism, and our impartiality on the form of a political solution. On El Salvador, we want to emphasize the determination of our policy, and the good reasons behind it.

At Tab C is a copy of the St. Patrick's Day statement which we will issue on Wednesday, March 17.

Attachments:

Tab A Talking Points

Tab B State's Briefing Memo

Tab C St. Patrick's Day statement

Prepared by: Dennis C. Blair



MEETING WITH IRISH PRIME MINISTER HAUGHEY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1982

11:30 a.m.

TALKING POINTS

Northern Ireland

- -- I AM GLAD THAT THE TRAGEDY OF THE HUNGER STRIKES IS BEHIND US, AND HOPE PROGRESS CAN NOW BE MADE ON SOLUTIONS.
- -- THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS A JUST AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION, WHICH MUST COME FROM THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND THEMSELVES. WE SUPPORT NO PARTICULAR PLAN OVER ANOTHER.
- -- WE WELCOME THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS ON NORTHERN IRELAND.

El Salvador

- -- IN MY SPEECH LAST MONTH TO THE OAS, I OUTLINED THE PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL ADDRESS THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF CENTRAL AMERICA.
- -- WE MUST, HOWEVER, DEAL WITH THE MILITARY PROBLEM IN EL SALVADOR, WHERE AN INSURGENT MOVEMENT ARMED FROM THE OUTSIDE IS ATTACKING THE GOVERNMENT, AND IS EVEN ATTACKING THE PROCESS OF HOLDING FREE ELECTIONS.
- -- AS SECRETARY HAIG TOLD THE MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER OVER THE WEEKEND, WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK WITH MEXICO TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE STRIFE IN EL SALVADOR, BUT WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR A COSMETIC SOLUTION THAT DISREGARDS THE MILITARY REALITY.

Libya

-- WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LEASE OF AIRCRAFT BY THE IRISH NATIONAL AIRLINE TO LIBYA.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT REAGAN

March 17, 1982

St. Patrick's Day reminds us of the power of joy. It is a day when spirits are lifted, when millions join together in friendship, when strangers greet each other with affection.

The spell cast on us by a small island 3,000 miles away began more than a century ago when Irish immigrants first came to this land -- immigrants whose sweat and labor built our economy, whose hearts and minds shaped our literary and intellectual history, whose smiles and mirth gave us the gift of laughter, whose conscience and spirituality reminded us of the importance of religious faith in our lives.

Today all Americans -- of Irish descent and honorary Irish descent -- celebrate one of the happiest days of the year in our country -- a day marked by peace, friendship and harmony.

Yet today our thoughts cannot be entirely joyful -- we who owe so much to the "land across the Irish sea" cannot help but reflect on a tragic irony: Northern Ireland is troubled by conflict and violence. We in America who owe so much to our kinsmen of both Irish and British heritage, Protestant and Catholic alike, can never be indifferent to the problem of violence in Northern Ireland. That is why we seek to contribute in any way we can to a lasting, peaceful solution that will bring to an end years of conflict and violence.

The twelve months since last St. Patrick's Day have brought both hope and sorrow in Northern Ireland. There have been grounds for optimism for the future. The level of violence continued its generally downward trend. In this country, U.S. law enforcement authorities confiscated a large number of weapons intended for terrorist hands in Ireland. Perhaps most important despite the sorrows of the past year, there are signs that the climate has improved for moderate political solutions.

We will continue to stand by our policy -- to urge the parties in Northern Ireland to come together for a just solution and to condemn all acts of terrorism and violence. We believe a lasting solution can be found only through a process of reconciliation between the two traditions in Northern Ireland and between Britain and Ireland. We encourage and applaud such efforts. We particularly welcome the British and Irish governments' widening of the framework of their cooperation to this end.

But as much as we wish for a just and peaceful settlement, we in the United States cannot chart a course for the people of Northern Ireland. If solutions are to endure, they must come from the people themselves.

We stand unalterably opposed to the forces of violence and discord in Northern Ireland, which obstruct the process of reconciliation so necessary to peace. Those who advocate violence or engage in terrorism will have no welcome in the United States.

Last year, I called on all Americans to question closely any appeal for financial or other aid from groups involved in the Northern Ireland conflict to ensure that contributions do not end up in the hands of those who perpetuate violence, either directly or indirectly. Today, I renew that request. Continued violence, even by a misguided few, can only frustrate the desire for peace of the overwhelming majority of the entire community of Northern Ireland.

As we look to the future, we can be proud that the United States already is making an important contribution toward economic and social progress in Northern Ireland. We are proud of our role in strenghtening the Irish economy. There are 37 American companies with manufacturing plants in Northern Ireland, representing more than a billion dollars of investment, with a potential employment of about 25,000 people, a significant portion of the manufacturing work force in Northern Ireland. This investment by American industry shows a clear commitment to a future based on peace and well-being for the people who live in Northern Ireland.

This Administration will maintain the U.S. commitment, in the context of a peaceful settlement in Northern Ireland, to facilitate growth of additional job-creating investment -- investment that will benefit all the people in Northern Ireland. In the meantime, we encourage the American private sector to continue to assist in creating more job opportunities in Northern Ireland.

In affirming these principles of our policy toward Northern Ireland, I wish to add my appreciation and support for the many true friends of Ireland in this country, in the Congress and among the public, who continue to speak out against violence and in support of peace and reconciliation. Their efforts are among the most important contributions to the cause of peace in Northern Ireland, and I join them in the prayer that our hopes will soon be realized. It is by assisting in commercial development, combating terrorism and encouraging the process of peaceful reconciliation that we in America can do our part to bring peace to Northern Ireland.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Walter J. Stoesse 77 Jr., Acting

SUBJECT:

Your Meeting with Irish Prime Minister

Charles Haughey, March 17, 1982

I. SETTING

Haughey took office as Prime Minister on March 9, forming a minority government which relies on the support of a small left-wing party and independent members of the Irish parliament.

In his first speech as Prime Minister, Haughey pushed for British withdrawal from Northern Ireland. Should Haughey publicly promote this new policy line at the White House, Margaret Thatcher and the British government will be under pressure to react even more sharply. It will be important to continue to distance ourselves from Northern Ireland constitutional questions and to maintain impartiality on Irish unification.

As the visit comes so early in Haughey's term of office, it will afford an excellent opportunity to discuss issues - such as El Salvador and Libya - where we would like Irish support.

II. OBJECTIVES

- -- Reaffirm US policy on Northern Ireland: support for a just and peaceful solution and condemnation of all terrorism and violence.
- -- Stress the impartiality of our policy on Northern Ireland, including constitutional questions about its relationship to the UK and the Irish Republic.
- -- Explain our efforts to promote democratic.processes in El Salvador.
- -- Urge Irish cooperation in sanctions against Libya.
- -- Reaffirm our commitment to free trade and US-EC cooperation to that end.





III. ISSUES

1. Northern Ireland

Haughey's objective of British withdrawal marks a fundamental shift of policy away from that of recent Irish Prime Ministers of both major parties, and may result from a search for short-term partisan political advantage required by his shaky parliamentary coalition and the depressed Irish economy. It will be unhelpful to Anglo-Irish efforts at greater cooperation and will further polarize already tense community relations in the North. It may also set back cross-border efforts to curb terrorism. The British Ambassador has registered to us the unacceptability of the Haughey line.

Haughey publicly has opposed the British government's plans for a carefully crafted and delicately balanced initiative to restore a form of local government in Northern Ireland acceptable to democratic elements in both communities. By doing so, he may have damaged the most hopeful effort to date to normalize political life in the destructive wake of last year's hunger strike.

2. El Salvador

Former Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald was often sharply critical of our El Salvador policy. Haughey recently told us that he continues to favor a low Irish profile on El Salvador. We can expect that he will be a more sympathetic interlocutor than was FitzGerald, but it is unlikely his government will support US policy outright.

3. Libyan Sanctions

The Irish do not have extensive interest in or ties with Libya, but we have had policy differences over the resale of US-origin aircraft by the Irish national airline to the Libyans. The Irish accept our restrictions on such sales, but seek compensation through contracts for maintenance of DOD aircraft, which we are unable to provide. We have asked them to clarify reports that they have leased the aircraft in question to the Libyans. We are also concerned over the Irish government's arrangement to train Libyans in international airport operations at Shannon.

4. US-EC Economic Cooperation

Ireland's depressed economy is highly dependent on trade, and a major improvement can come about only with a general international recovery. We are committed to economic cooperation with the EC but remain concerned about ongoing trade disputes (e.g., steel and agricultural products). We have made strong efforts to resolve these problems through consultations and look forward to continued US-European exchanges at the economic summit in June.

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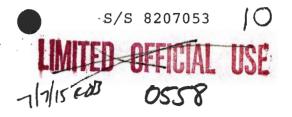
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March 16, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject:

The President's March 17 Meeting with Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey

Irish Ambassador O'Sullivan today informed the Department that the Irish wish to add Mr. Dermot Nally (Secretary to the Government) and Ambassador Sean Donlon (Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs) to the list of Irish participants for the March 17 meeting between the President and Prime Minister Haughey.

L. Faul Bremer, 111 Executive Secretary



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March 13, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER, III

Executive Secretary
The Department of State

SUBJECT:

St. Patrick's Day Visit by Irish Prime Minister

Reference your memorandum of March 8 relaying Irish Ambassador O'Sullivan's request that the President's meeting with the Prime Minister be expanded to one hour, this is to advise that we concur with your recommendation against expansion of the meeting.

Please advise the Irish Embassy that the schedule remains as originally agreed upon.

Michael O. Wheeler Staff Secretary

CONFIDENTIAL Review on 3/10/88

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

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3/12/82

TO:

WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

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SUBJ:

APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND NOTIFY AND CLEAR ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

Time reserved for visit of Prime Minister Haughey of Ireland:

MEETING:

11:30 am - 30 mins - Meeting

Oval Office Residence

12:00 m - 75 mins - Luncheon

DATE:

March 17, 1982

TIME:

as stated

DURATION:

LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED:

Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

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PARTICIPATION: Yes - in luncheon

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK THE WHITE HOUSE

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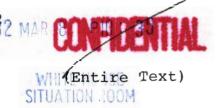
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER, III

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

St. Patrick's Day Visit by the Irish

Prime Minister

Your memorandum of March 8 forwarded the request by the Irish Ambassador to extend the President's meeting with Prime Minister Haughey to one hour. This is to confirm that the President will be unable to extend the meeting for longer than the 30 minutes originally scheduled.

Charles P. Tyson

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 3, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

President's Meeting with Irish Prime Minister

The President is scheduled to meet with the Irish Prime Minister at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17. The meeting will be followed by a luncheon at 12:00 noon.

Briefing papers and talking points for the President's use would be appreciated no later than Friday, March 12.

Thanks.

Michael O. Wheeler Staff Secretary

cc: Charles P. Tyson

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Washington, D.C. 20520



March 17, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject:

Contingency Press Guidance: President's Meeting with Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey

Attached is proposed contingency press guidance for the White House spokesman's use following the March 17 meeting between the President and Irish Prime Minister Haughey.

Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Proposed Press Guidance.





CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE

President's March 17 Meeting with Irish Prime Minister Haughey

- Q: What did the President and Prime Minister Haughey discuss at their meeting on March 17?
 - A: The President was delighted to be able to host Prime
 Minister Haughey at the White House on the occasion of
 St. Patrick's Day. As you know, the President and the
 Prime Minister met for a half-hour before the
 President's luncheon, and they held a very useful
 discussion of issues which concern the United States
 and Ireland in common with their European partners.
- Q: Did they discuss Northern Ireland?
 - A: They did discuss Northern Ireland. The President outlined United States policy, as contained in his statement on Northern Ireland which was released this morning.
- Q: What other issues were discussed in their meeting?
 - A: We do not plan to comment on the specific issues they discussed.

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- Q: Do you plan to release a joint statement or communique on their meeting?
 - A: There will be no joint statement or communique, but I can say that their discussions were very useful and productive, as you could expect in a meeting between two close friends.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520 March 13, 1982



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Subject:

President's March 17 Meeting with Irish Prime Minister Haughey

Following are the recommended Department of State participants in the President's March 17 meeting with Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey:

The Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary
for European Affairs H. Allen Holmes
Ambassador-designate to Ireland
Peter H. Dailey

The Irish Embassy has informed us that the participants on their side will be Prime Minister Haughey, Foreign Minister Collins, and Ambassador O'Sullivan.

Also attached is the latest summary schedule for the Prime Minister's visit.

L. Paul Bremer III Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Summary Schedule.

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MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1982

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Welcoming Committee.

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5:15pm Arrive Blair House.

Private dinner and evening at Blair House.

Overnight: Blair House

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject:

President's March 17 Meeting with Irish

Prime Minister Haughey

Following are the recommended Department of State participants in the President's March 17 meeting with Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey:

The Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary
for European Affairs H. Allen Holmes
Ambassador-designate to Ireland
Peter H. Dailey

The Irish Embassy has informed us that the participants on their side will be Prime Minister Haughey, Foreign Minister Collins, and Ambassador O'Sullivan.

Also attached is the latest summary schedule for the Prime Minister's visit.

L. Paul Bremer III Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Summary Schedule.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON 3 7

March 14, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Walter J. Stoesse 77 Jr., Acting

SUBJECT:

Your Meeting with Irish Prime Minister

Charles Haughey, March 17, 1982

I. SETTING

Haughey took office as Prime Minister on March 9, forming a minority government which relies on the support of a small left-wing party and independent members of the Irish parliament.

In his first speech as Prime Minister, Haughey pushed for British withdrawal from Northern Ireland. Should Haughey publicly promote this new policy line at the White House, Margaret Thatcher and the British government will be under pressure to react even more sharply. It will be important to continue to distance ourselves from Northern Ireland constitutional questions and to maintain impartiality on Irish unification.

As the visit comes so early in Haughey's term of office, it will afford an excellent opportunity to discuss issues - such as El Salvador and Libya - where we would like Irish support.

II. OBJECTIVES

- -- Reaffirm US policy on Northern Ireland: support for a just and peaceful solution and condemnation of all terrorism and violence.
- -- Stress the impartiality of our policy on Northern Ireland, including constitutional questions about its relationship to the UK and the Irish Republic.
- -- Explain our efforts to promote democratic.processes in El Salvador.
- -- Urge Irish cooperation in sanctions against Libya.
- -- Reaffirm our commitment to free trade and US-EC cooperation to that end.



III. ISSUES

1. Northern Ireland

Haughey's objective of British withdrawal marks a fundamental shift of policy away from that of recent Irish Prime Ministers of both major parties, and may result from a search for short-term partisan political advantage required by his shaky parliamentary coalition and the depressed Irish economy. It will be unhelpful to Anglo-Irish efforts at greater cooperation and will further polarize already tense community relations in the North. It may also set back cross-border efforts to curb terrorism. The British Ambassador has registered to us the unacceptability of the Haughey line.

Haughey publicly has opposed the British government's plans for a carefully crafted and delicately balanced initiative to restore a form of local government in Northern Ireland acceptable to democratic elements in both communities. By doing so, he may have damaged the most hopeful effort to date to normalize political life in the destructive wake of last year's hunger strike.

2. El Salvador

Former Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald was often sharply critical of our El Salvador policy. Haughey recently told us that he continues to favor a low Irish profile on El Salvador. We can expect that he will be a more sympathetic interlocutor than was FitzGerald, but it is unlikely his government will support US policy outright.

3. Libyan Sanctions

The Irish do not have extensive interest in or ties with Libya, but we have had policy differences over the resale of US-origin aircraft by the Irish national airline to the Libyans. The Irish accept our restrictions on such sales, but seek compensation through contracts for maintenance of DOD aircraft, which we are unable to provide. We have asked them to clarify reports that they have leased the aircraft in question to the Libyans. We are also concerned over the Irish government's arrangement to train Libyans in international airport operations at Shannon.

4. <u>US-EC Economic Cooperation</u>

Ireland's depressed economy is highly dependent on trade, and a major improvement can come about only with a general international recovery. We are committed to economic cooperation with the EC but remain concerned about ongoing trade disputes (e.g., steel and agricultural products). We have made strong efforts to resolve these problems through consultations and look forward to continued US-European exchanges at the economic summit in June.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

March 3, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

President's Meeting with Irish Prime Minister

The President is scheduled to meet with the Irish Prime Minister at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17. The meeting will be followed by a luncheon at 12:00 noon.

Briefing papers and talking points for the President's use would be appreciated no later than Friday, March 12.

Thanks.

Michael O. Wheeler Staff Secretary

cc: Charles P. Tyson

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