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LONDON POUCH BELFAST

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TAGS: PREL, PGOV, EI, UK

SUBJECT: MAJOR NEW INITIATIVE ON NORTHERN IRELAND

- PRIOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER BARRY'S

- DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON

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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT

2. SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER BARRY HAS ANNOUNCED A MAJOR NEW GOI INITIATIVE ON NORTHERN IRELAND JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE US ON A SAINT PATRICK'S DAY VISIT. THE PROPOSAL CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ALL IRELAND, NORTH AND SOUTH, FORUM TO DISCUSS IDEAS FOR A "NEW IRELAND." ALL PARTIES WHO REJECT VIOLENCE WOULD BE INCLUDED AND THE FORUM WOULD ISSUE A REPORT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. OPPOSITION LEADER CHARLES HAUGHEY HAS ACCEPTED THE FORUM BUT SEES IT AS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD A CONSTITUTIONAL

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

CONFERENCE BASED UPON "FINAL WITHDRAWAL OF BRITAIN FROM IRELAND." THE IRISH INITIATIVE WAS MADE WITH NO PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH LONDON AND WAS PUT TOGETHER VERY MUCH AT THE LAST MINUTE. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME INTERNAL POLITICAL REASONS FOR THE TIMING OF THIS MOVE, WE SUSPECT BARRY MAY SEEK TO GET SOME US ENDORSEMENT OF THE PROPOSAL DURING THE BARRY VISIT. THIS FORUM MAY YET PRODUCE RESULTS AND MAY, IF NOTHING ELSE, GET SOME INTERNAL AGREEMENT IN THE REPUBLIC ON A NORTHERN POLICY. ALL OF THAT IS FAR FROM CERTAIN, HOWEVER. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THERE BE NO ENDORSEMENT, EXPLICIT OR IMPLICIT, OF THIS PLAN AT THE PRESENT TIME. END SUMMARY.

3. IN A MAJOR GOI STATEMENT ON NORTHERN IRELAND POLICY MARCH 11 FOREIGN MINISTER PETER BARRY ANNOUNCED MAIN

POLITICAL PARTY AGREEMENT ON THE CREATION OF AN ALL-IRELAND FORUM "FOR CONSULTATIONS ON THE MANNER IN WHICH LASTING PEACE AND STABILITY IN A NEW IRELAND CAN BE ACHIEVED." (FULL TEXT OF SPEECH SEPTEL). BARRY DEFINED THE FORUM AS "OPEN TO ALL POLITICAL PARTIES, NORTH AND SOUTH, WHICH SHARE THIS OBJECTIVE, WHICH HAVE MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE OIREACTHAS (IREISH PARLIAMENT) OR THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY, AND WHICH REJECT VIOLENCE." THE GOI ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FORUM (SEPTEL) WHICH CAME IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE FRIDAY EVENING SPEECH, GAVE A TIME-TABLE FOR THE FORUM AS REPORTING "BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR ON POSSIBLE NEW STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES THROUGH WHICH ITS OBJECTIVES MIGHT BE ACHIEVED."

4. BARRY MADE IT CLEAR THAT ONE OBJECTIVE OF THIS APPROACH WAS A DESIRE TO "HELP BRING ABOUT A FRIENDLY CONSTRUCTIVE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF IRELAND AND BRITAIN." NONETHELESS, IN CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL NATIONALIST TERMS, HE STATED HIS BELIEF THAT "THE LONG-TERM BRITISH PRESENCE IN IRELAND IS AN OBSTACLE TO THE RECONCILIATION OF THE TWO IRISH TRADITIONS AND TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE AND STABILITY ON THIS ISLAND."

5. CONFIRMING MAIN PARTY AGREEMENT ON THE SETTING UP OF THIS FORUM, OPPOSITION FIANNA FAIL LEADER CHARLES HAUGHEY, WHO EARLIER IN THE WEEK HAD TABLED A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION ASKING FOR A SPECIFIC ANSWER ON THE COALITION

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THE SDLP COUNCIL FOR A NEW IRELAND PROPOSAL, WELCOMED THIS INITIATIVE. HE DESCRIBED HIS PARTY'S WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE AS CONSISTENT WITH THE POSITION OUTLINED IN HIS FIANNA FAIL CONVENTION SPEECH (REF A) AND INDICATED THAT HE SAW THIS FORUM AS BEING THE POSSIBLE FIRST STEP TOWARD SETTING UP A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE "TO BE CONVENED ON THE BASIS THAT IT WOULD BE A PRELUDE TO A FINAL WITHDRAWAL OF BRITAIN FROM IRELAND WITHIN A STIPULATED PERIOD OF TIME."

6. THE MARCH 12 "IRISH TIMES" HAILED THE BARRY SPEECH AND THE GOI FORUM ANNOUNCEMENT AS A MOVE "CLEARLY INTENDED AS A MAJOR IRISH INITIATIVE." IN A MARCH 14 EDITORIAL THE "TIMES" SUGGESTED THAT THIS MOVE WILL ACT AS A "POSITIVE OFF-SET" TO THE PRO-IRA SAINT PATRICK'S ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK AND THAT "WHEN PRESIDENT REAGAN AGAIN HONORS THE IRISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON BY COMING TO LUNCH ON THE SAME DAY HE NO DOUBT WILL BE INVITED TO MENTION FAVORABLY THIS NEW DEPARTURE." BARRY HIMSELF REFERRED IN HIS SPEECH TO AN AWARENESS OF THIS AMERICAN DIMENSION WHEN HE SUGGESTED THAT ONE OF THE REASONS FOR TAKING ACTION AT THIS POINT WAS "OUR FRIENDS IN THE US DO NOT WANT US TO BE INACTIVE." HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT,

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THOUGH RECOGNIZING THE PROBLEM AS PRIMARILY ONE FOR LONDON AND DUBLIN, HE SAW HIS OWN ROLE AS SEEKING TO "HARNESS FOR THE GOOD OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND THE UNDOUBTED GOODWILL TOWARDS IRELAND THAT EXISTS ALL OVER THE WORLD, BUT ESPECIALLY IN THE UNITED STATES...."

7. COMMENT: ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THIS INITIATIVE (PERMANENT) SECRETARY SEAN DONLON AT THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TOLD US THAT NO NEW INITIATIVE ON NORTHERN IRELAND COULD BE EXPECTED IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND THAT, IN HIS OPINION, THERE WAS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF ANYTHING COMING FROM THE ALL-PARTY TALKS IN DUBLIN (REF B). DONLON FIRST TOLD OF THIS PROPOSAL BY PHONE ONLY HOURS BEFORE BARRY MADE THE SPEECH AND STATED THAT THE PROPOSAL HAD BEEN PUT TOGETHER DURING THE 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE BARRY SPEECH. IN CONVERSATION WITH THE BRITISH EMBASSY, EMBOFF WAS TOLD MUCH THE SAME. THEY HAD RECEIVED A SIMILAR BRIEFING FROM

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

DONLON AND HAD BEEN TOLD ABOUT THE BARRY SPEECH ONLY HOURS BEFORE IT WAS DELIVERED. THERE WAS NO PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE BRITISH THOUGH DONLON INDICATED TO US THAT SOME PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH NORTHERN UNIONISTS HAD OCCURRED. THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE INDICATES THAT THE PRIME MINISTER "HIT THE CEILING" WHEN SHE WAS TOLD OF THIS PROPOSAL. APPARENTLY THE FINAL HMG STATEMENT, WHICH SIMPLY SAYS IT IS FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH TALKS BUT THAT THIS INITIATIVE "CANNOT AFFECT THE FUNDAMENTAL POSITION THAT NORTHERN IRELAND IS AND WILL REMAIN PART OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WHILE THE MAJORITY OF ITS PEOPLE SO WISH", IS CONSIDERABLY "TONED DOWN" FROM THE INITIAL PROPOSED RESPONSE AND FROM THE REAL FEELING OF WESTMINSTER OFFICIALS.

8. ONE IS THEREFORE LEFT WITH THE VERY REAL QUESTION AS TO WHY THIS NEW INITIATIVE WAS HURRIED THROUGH IN SUCH A MANNER. ONE ANSWER NO DOUBT IS VERY REAL AND GROWING GOI CONCERN ABOUT THE STATE OF THE SDLP AND FEARS THAT, UNLESS SOMETHING TANGIBLE IS DONE BY THE GOI TO ENHANCE THE PARTY'S PRESTIGE, THE DOWNWARD DRIFT OF THE SDLP WILL SIMPLY CONTINUE. CERTAINLY ANOTHER FACTOR IS THE PRESSURE THE COALITION GOVERNMENT IS FEELING FROM FIANNA FAIL AND A FEAR THAT THE COALITION WILL BE PRE-EMPTED BY CHARLES HAUGHEY'S HEAVY PLAYING OF THE "GREEN CARD." ONE FINE GAEIL DEPUTY TOLD EMBOFF OVER THE WEEKEND THAT FITZGERALD HAD BEEN EMBARRASSED BY THE PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION TABLED BY HAUGHEY ON MARCH 9 ASKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CLARIFY ITS POSITION ON THE COUNCIL FOR A NEW IRELAND PROPOSAL. FITZGERALD APPARENTLY FEARED THAT IF BARRY WENT TO THE UNITED STATES WITH NOTHING TANGIBLE ON NORTHERN IRELAND HAUGHEY WOULD USE THIS AS THE BASIS OF A PARLIAMENTARY ATTACK ON THE GOVERNMENT.

9. AND THAT, OF COURSE, IS AT THE HEART OF THE MATTER. THERE ARE REASONS WHY THE GOVERNMENT FELT IT HAD TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT NORTHERN IRELAND BUT NO REASON OTHER THAN THE TRIP TO THE US WHY SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE SO RAPIDLY. AS THE "IRISH TIMES" EDITORIAL SUGGESTS, BARRY WILL PROBABLY BE LOOKING FOR

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

SOME SORT OF A US ENDORSEMENT FOR THIS PROPOSAL, EITHER CONGRESSIONAL OR PRESIDENTIAL. AT MINIMUM, HOWEVER, JUST BEING SEEN WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AND THE PRESIDENT SO SOON AFTER THE SPEECH AND HAVING THE NORMAL KIND WORDS SAID, WILL BE TAKEN AS A DE FACTO ENDORSEMENT FOR THIS APPROACH AND WE SUSPECT THAT -- THOUGH PROBABLY WANTING MORE -- THE GOI WILL SETTLE FOR THE IMPLIED ENDORSEMENT OF THE INITIATIVE THAT THE VISIT WILL CONVEY.

10. WE ARE NOT WILLING TO DISMISS THIS PLAN OUT-OF-HAND THOUGH WE SUSPECT THAT THE BRITISH EMBASSY ASSESSMENT THAT, HAVING THIS PROPOSAL "SPRUNG" ON THEM, HAS PROBABLY SET BACK RATHER THAN ENHANCED DUBLIN-LONDON RELATIONS -- AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT. NONETHELESS, THIS PROPOSAL WAS PUT TOGETHER WITH CHEWING GUM AND BAILING WIRE AT THE LAST MINUTE AND EVEN THE GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE "IRISH TIMES" EDITORIAL RAISES SOME DOUBT BY NOTING THAT "MANY WERE SURPRISED WHEN MR. HAUGHEY SO READILY ASSENTED TO TAKE PART IN THE EXERCISE. WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE HOW FAR THE COOPERATION OF FIANNA FAIL GOES."

11. BECAUSE OF THIS, THEREFORE, AND PARTICULARLY UNTIL LONDON HAS COME DOWN OFF THE CEILING OVER THIS ONE, WE

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BELIEVE THAT THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH VERY
REAL CAUTION. THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THIS FORUM MAY, IN
THE LONG-RUN, PRODUCE HARMONY IN THE REPUBLIC AND
ADVANCE SOME IDEAS THAT BOTH LONDON AND POLITICIANS IN
BELFAST MAY WANT TO LOOK AT. EVEN HERE IN DUBLIN,
HOWEVER, WE ARE A LONG WAY FROM THAT STAGE. GIVEN THE
LATE DATE AT WHICH THESE EVENTS HAVE OCCURRED THERE IS
LITTLE THAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT THE DE FACTO ASSOCIATION
WITH THE PROPOSALS THAT THE BARRY VISIT TO WASHINGTON
WILL IMPLY. WE RECOMMEND, HOWEVER, THAT NO OVERT
MENTION WHATSOEVER BE MADE OF THIS INITIATIVE DURING THE
BARRY VISIT AND NO FORMAL ASSOCIATION BE IN ANY WAY
IMPLIED. THE TIME MAY YET COME WHEN WE WILL WANT TO
ENCOURAGE BOTH DUBLIN AND LONDON IN THEIR EFFORTS TO
SEEK NEW APPROACHES TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND QUESTION.
UNTIL THIS ONE JELLS A BIT MORE, HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT
THE TIME. BOYLE

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RECEPTION AT IRISH EMBASSY

DATE: MARCH 17, 1983

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

NLR 748-15-31-2-5

BY CPB NARA DATE 7/8/85

I. PURPOSE

Your visit to the Irish Embassy on St. Patrick's Day will emphasize the traditional friendship between the United States and Ireland. Your remarks will discourage American support for the violence that afflicts Northern Ireland.

II. BACKGROUND

Two years ago on St. Patrick's Day you attended a luncheon at the Irish Embassy, and last year you hosted a luncheon at the White House for visiting Prime Minister Haughey. This year you will attend a luncheon on Capitol Hill given by Speaker O'Neill, and will then proceed to the residence of Ambassador O'Sullivan for a reception where you will receive the traditional gift of the shamrocks. You will make short remarks as you receive the gift, followed by an exchange of St. Patrick's Day toasts. In your remarks it will be worthwhile to condemn the violence in Northern Ireland, and support for the IRA by Irish-Americans. As you know, Michael Flannery, the founder of NORAID, and a man who has admitted running guns to Northern Ireland, will be the grand marshall of the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City. The White House Press Office will be issuing in your name a statement condemning violence and supporting U.S. private investment in Ireland, North and South.

The new Foreign Minister of Ireland, Peter Barry, will also be a guest at the reception. On March 11, Barry made an important speech calling for an "All-Ireland Forum," open to all political parties, both North and South, to consult on the peaceful reunification of Ireland. Barry will undoubtedly be lobbying you to publicly support his proposal. Just as we did not publicly support Mr. Prior's plan for a Constituent Assembly in Northern Ireland, we should not support Mr. Barry's plan publicly. Rather we should say that we have always welcomed efforts by both the Irish and the British governments which promote reconciliation between the two Irish traditions, but it is not for the United States to chart a course for the people of Northern Ireland. If solutions are to endure, they must come from the people themselves.

At the end of the reception, you will receive a phone call from Dr. FitzGerald in Dublin, the Irish Prime Minister. The call should be strictly a social one of a few minutes duration.

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III. PRESS PLAN

There will be open press coverage of the presentation of the shamrocks ceremony.

IV. PARTICIPANTS

The following other guests are expected to be present:

Members of Congress

Speaker O'Neill
Senator Kennedy
Senator Dodd
Senator Moynihan
Congressman Foley
Congressman Shannon

Irish Officials

Foreign Minister Barry
Ambassador O'Sullivan

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

2:00 p.m.	Depart U.S. Capitol
2:10 p.m.	Arrive Ambassador O'Sullivan's Residence
2:15 p.m.	Meet Members of Congress and other special guests
2:20 p.m.	Presentation of shamrocks (brief remarks in response to Ambassador O'Sullivan and Foreign Minister Barry)
2:25 p.m.	Toast to President and People of Ireland
2:35 p.m.	Receive phone call from Prime Minister FitzGerald in Dublin
2:50 p.m.	Departure

Attachments:

Tab A	Draft remarks for shamrock presentation ceremony
Tab B	Draft toast
Tab C	Talking points for phone call with Prime Minister
Tab D	St. Patrick's Day statement

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TOAST

FOREIGN MINISTER BARRY, AMBASSADOR O'SULLIVAN, ALL GUESTS OF
IRISH HERITAGE AND THOSE LESS FORTUNATE. . .WILL YOU JOIN ME ON
THIS HAPPY DAY IN A TOAST TO THE PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE OF
IRELAND.

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
ST. PATRICK'S DAY, 1983

For those of us whose ancestors come from Ireland and for those of us who share the spirit of Irish humor, hard work and spiritual faith, St. Patrick's Day is a time of grateful celebration and much happiness.

Today is a time to honor and celebrate the enormous contribution to American life made by Irish immigrants. As frontiersmen in the American colonies and citizen soldiers in Washington's army they helped found our republic. Their ingenuity and effort built our economy, added to our spiritual values and enriched our literature. Their humor enriches life's happy moments and makes life's setbacks more bearable.

And yet our joy is tempered by the tragedy that divides neighbor from neighbor in Northern Ireland. We deeply regret that some would use this day to enlist support for more violence and conflict on that small island which is so much in our hearts today. We cannot remain indifferent to the tragedy that confronts the people of Northern Ireland and which affects the Republic of Ireland, Britain and their friends in the United States. Those who advocate or engage in violence and terrorism should find no welcome in the United States.

We condemn all such acts and oppose the forces of discord in Northern Ireland, which obstruct the process of reconciliation so essential for peace. We ask all Americans to refrain from supporting, with financial or other aid, organizations involved directly or indirectly in perpetuating violence. And we urge that those Americans--and there are many--who wish to help, lend their support and contributions to legitimate groups and organizations which work to promote reconciliation and economic cooperation.

The United States Government continues to take specific actions to hasten an end to this violence and discord by:

-- Discouraging Americans from contributing to organizations engaged in violence.

-- Arresting and prosecuting those engaged in the illegal export of arms to those groups.

-- Confiscating weapons intended for terrorists.

Next to peace and reconciliation, Northern Ireland's greatest need is for jobs to bring hope and opportunity to all its people, especially the young. American companies which have invested in Northern Ireland already employ a significant percentage of its industrial work force, making a real contribution to its well-being. This administration will continue to encourage private investment in and the creation of more job opportunities in both Northern Ireland and the Republic.

We recognize that it is not for the United States to chart a course for the people of Northern Ireland, but we do have an obligation to urge our long-time friends in that part of the world to seek reconciliation between the two traditions in Northern Ireland and accommodation through democratic means. Durable, equitable solutions and peace cannot be imposed by outsiders, however well meaning. Our role, accordingly, is to support efforts by the people and governments directly involved.

So on St. Patrick's Day 1983 let us all celebrate our Irish heritage in fine style. But let us also remember those in Northern Ireland for which 1983 is one more year of terrorism and dim economic prospects--and let us rededicate ourselves to helping to bring these twin evils to an end.

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TELEPHONE TALKING POINTS

-- Mr. Prime Minister, I want to wish you a most happy St. Patrick's Day and to tell you how pleased we are that Foreign Minister Barry has been able to visit.

-- I want you to know of my own personal interest in the efforts you are undertaking to achieve reconciliation between the two Irish communities. You can count on me to do whatever we can to support you in that effort.

-- Ambassador Peter Dailey keeps me up to date on your thinking, so I hope you will continue to stay in close touch with him.

-- I have issued another statement today which emphasizes the policy themes which I have expressed in previous St. Patrick's Day statements. I hope it will remind our own citizens here that we are determined to end any American link with the violence in Northern Ireland and that only a democratic approach, supported by both Irish communities, can work.

-- Vice President Bush and Bill Clark have both told me of their high personal regard for you, and I hope that one of these days you and I will be able to get together.

-- I wish for you and Mrs. FitzGerald and all the people of Ireland as enjoyable a day as we shall have here.

Telephone Call with Prime Minister FitzGerald

- HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY - GLAD TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER BARRY - FINE CELEBRATION HERE
- WE SUPPORT EFFORTS FOR A PEACEFUL RECONCILIATION OF THE TWO TRADITIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.
- AMBASSADOR PETER DAILEY KEEPS US INFORMED OF THE SITUATION IN IRELAND - STAY IN TOUCH
- MY STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY CONDEMNS VIOLENCE AND SUPPORTS ECONOMIC INVESTMENT IN IRELAND.
- VP AND BILL CLARK HAVE TOLD ME OF THEIR FINE MEETINGS WITH YOU. HOPE WE CAN MEET.

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FOR JUDGE CLARK

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CHANGES IN FOREIGN SERVICE RETIREMENT
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PARIS, REYKJAVIK, ROME, STOCKHOLM, THE HAGUE, TOKYO,
VIENNA, WELLINGTON, FEBRUARY 18, 1983, BEING REPEATED
FOR YOUR INFO. QUOTE

FOR THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CHANGES IN FOREIGN SERVICE RETIREMENT
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REF: PARIS 5923

1. I WISH TO STRONGLY ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH AMBASSADOR
GALBRAITH'S REMARKS (REFTEL) CONCERNING POSSIBLE CHANGES IN
THE FOREIGN SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM. I SHARE HIS VIEWS

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

ABOUT THE CALIBER OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE SERVICE.
MY OWN PRIVATE SECTOR EXPERIENCE CONVINCES ME THAT THE
FOREIGN SERVICE - OFFICERS AND STAFF - OCCUPY A UNIQUE
POSITION IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE EXCELLENT
REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR COUNTRY ABROAD AND OFTEN AT
CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL INCONVENIENCE TO THEMSELVES AND
THEIR FAMILIES. BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND ABROAD, THEIR
SUBSTANTIVE SKILLS COMBINED WITH FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE
OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES' POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND PERSONALITIES
ENABLES THEM TO HELP IN THE FORMULATION AND ARTICULATION
OF BROAD-RANGING U.S. POLICY INTERESTS IN A HIGHLY
EFFECTIVE MANNER. AN ARBITRARY CHANGE IN THE FOREIGN
SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, ADVERSE TO THE INTERESTS OF
CURRENTLY SERVING FOREIGN SERVICE EMPLOYEES, WOULD
CAUSE A SPEEDY OUTFLOW OF SOME OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE'S
BEST PEOPLE. WHETHER THE PROPOSED NEW SYSTEM WOULD

ATTRACT NEW ENTRANTS ABLE TO PERFORM WITH THE VERSATILITY
AND THE MANNER WE EXPECT FROM THE FOREIGN SERVICE IS
-- AT BEST -- DOUBTFUL. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD DEMONSTRATE
A CALLOUS APPROACH BY THIS GOVERNMENT TO A SMALL CORPS
OF PROFESSIONAL MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO
REPRESENT OUR COUNTRY ABROAD AT CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL
DANGER AND HARDSHIP IN TERMS OF FREQUENT MOVES,
UNEVEN HEALTH FACILITIES, FAMILY DISRUPTIONS, UNEVEN
QUALITY OF EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS, ETC.

2. SPEAKING AS A BUSINESSMAN, I VIEW THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AS CONTRACTUAL AND
INVOLVING, AT A MINIMUM, A GOOD FAITH COMMITMENT ON
THE PART OF EACH. I THINK THAT AMBASSADOR GALBRAITH'S
USE OF THE PHRASE "DISHONORABLE BREACH OF FAITH",
THEREFORE, QUITE ACCURATELY SUMS UP THIS PROPOSAL.
INDEED, MANY OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE MADE LONG-STANDING
CAREER AND FAMILY PLANS BASED ON HONEST AGREEMENTS
ENTERED INTO WITH THE DEPARTMENT ONE AND TWO DECADES AGO.

3. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE
CONCERNS OF THE EMBASSY'S FSN EMPLOYEES REGARDING
PENDING CHANGES AND FEAR THAT THEIR TERMS OF
EMPLOYMENT (INCLUDING RETIREMENT BENEFITS) COULD
BE JEOPARDIZED. THEIR CONCERNS SHOULD NOT BE LOST
SIGHT OF.

4. FOR ALL THE ABOVE REASONS, I WISH TO IDENTIFY

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

MYSELF FULLY WITH AMBASSADOR GALBRAITH'S RECOMMENDA-
TIONS CONTAINED REFTEL. CERTAINLY, AT A MINIMUM, A
"DEEP GRANDFATHER CLAUSE" IS WARRANTED, BUT IN GENERAL
I BELIEVE THAT THE ENTIRE PROPOSAL NEEDS TO BE
RECONSIDERED AND ITS LONG-TERM ADVERSE IMPACT UPON THE
FOREIGN SERVICE WEIGHED IN TERMS OF THE RELATIVELY
SMALL SHORT-TERM SAVINGS THAT THESE PROPOSED CHANGES
WOULD PURPORTEDLY GENERATE.
WOULD PURPORTEDLY GENERATE. DAILEY. UNQUOTE
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Sit Room			
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cc: VP Meese Baker Deaver Other _____

COMMENTS

3/28
Ron Maney has this on track-
he states that a Clark
recommendation will ^{likely} not be
necessary - but he will keep us
advised.
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SOMMER TO MCFARLANE RE BRIEFING OF IRISH
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168255 MEMO

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PETER DAILEY TO G. ROBINSON RE PERSONNEL
RECOMMENDATION

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Bud McFarlane	<u>4</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>I</u>
Bob Kimmitt	<u>5</u>	<u>K</u>	
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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

INFORMATION

May 24, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT
WILLIAM F. MARTINFROM: PETER R. SOMMER *Peter*
SUBJECT: President's Meeting with Prime Minister
Fitzgerald

I do not have strong views on the Irish request to extend the meeting by 20 minutes (Tab A). Based on those meetings with foreign leaders that I have the privilege to sit in on, I detect no burning desire on the President's part to make them longer. Should, however, you believe that Deaver is inclined to accept the Irish request to lengthen the meeting, I recommend we go along. In short, I see no reason for us to be out in front pushing for a longer meeting, but defer to your good judgments.

Bill Martin:

*Please tell Henkel
we have no objection to a
50 minute meeting, unless
you have a concern that we
should discuss.*

*Bob Kimmitt
5/24/84*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT KIMMITT
WILLIAM MARTIN

FROM

WILLIAM HENKE

SUBJECT

MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER FITZGERALD

The Irish Government has requested that the President's meeting with Prime Minister FitzGerald be extended from 30 minutes to 50 minutes in order to accomplish a format similar to our State Visit meetings -- a small meeting followed by an expanded session.

This would necessitate a 20 minute earlier departure from Deerfield. However, at this time, the President has no scheduled activities prior to departure that morning.

Following is a revised schedule illustrating how this request would change the schedule. I would appreciate your recommendations on this request as soon as possible so I can submit a memo to Mike Deaver for his approval.

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1984

Morning

Working breakfast.

NOTE: 9:45 a.m. Mrs. Reagan
departs en route Royal College of
Surgeons.

10:35 a.m.

Depart en route Leinster House.

10:50 a.m.

Arrive Leinster House.

11:00 a.m. (L)
6:00 a.m. EDT

Meeting with Prime Minister FitzGerald.

NOTE: Mrs. Reagan arrives
Leinster House.

11:50 am Meeting concludes.

12:00 noon (L)
7:00 a.m. EDT

Address Joint Session of Parliament.

12:35 a.m.

Depart en route Deerfield.

12:50 p.m.

Arrive Deerfield.

PRIVATE TIME: 20 mins.

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give news to
Bob K.

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1984

1:15 p.m.	Proceed to Coral Sitting Room.
1:20 p.m.	Arrive Coral Sitting Room and form receiving line.
1:30 p.m.	Proceed to Ballroom.
1:35 p.m. (L)	Arrive Ballroom for Luncheon in honor of
8:35 a.m. EDT	President and Mrs. Hillery.
	Toasts (beginning of lunch).
2:45 p.m.	Luncheon concludes.
2:55 p.m.	Depart en route Dublin Airport.
3:10 p.m.	Arrive Dublin Airport.
	Departure ceremony with brief remarks.
3:30 p.m. (L)	Air Force One departs en route London,
10:30 a.m. EDT	England.
4:30 p.m. (L)	Air Force One arrives London, England.
11:30 a.m. EDT	
4:35 p.m.	Marine One departs en route Winfield House.
4:50 p.m.	Marine One arrives Winfield House.
	WASHINGTON WORK: 45 mins.
5:35 p.m.	Depart en route Kensington Palace.
5:45 p.m. (L)	Arrive Kensington Palace.
12:45 p.m. EDT	
	Official Welcoming Ceremony.
6:00 p.m.	Proceed to Orangery for tea hosted by Prime Minister Thatcher.
6:15 p.m.	Depart en route Winfield House.
6:25 p.m. (L)	Arrive Winfield House.
1:25 p.m. EDT	
Evening	Private dinner.
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 16, 1984

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

FROM: SVEN KRAEMER *54*

Per the Department of State's recommendation, no further action on this item is warranted.

cc: Ron Lehman, Peter Sommer

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Reply to Letter from Sean Mac Bride

Sean Mac Bride, Irish disarmament activist and Nobel Laureate, has sent three letters to the President. One in June called for a summit meeting at which a concrete program of disarmament would be developed. The President's reply on June 29 discussed United States arms control goals and policy toward the USSR in general terms, but did not endorse Mac Bride's initiative.

A second letter, dated August 17, again advanced his summit initiative, suggested that the meeting should take place under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General, and characterized the reply he received to a letter to Chernenko as "encouraging." We have seen the text of the Chernenko reply, however, and it is merely a restatement of standard Soviet public comments on disarmament. The Chernenko letter was not forthcoming on a summit, insisting that any talks must be preceded by "proper preparatory work."

The President did not reply to this letter, because a prompt answer could have added momentum to Mac Bride's initiative and fuel public interest in the summit issue.

Mac Bride's third letter, dated September 18, is attached, along with a draft reply by the President. However, the Department of State recommends that no reply be sent. A full page advertisement in the Washington Post on October 12 on the "Conclusions and Judgement of the Brussels Tribunal on Reagan's Foreign Policy" prominently features Mac Bride. It declares that the Reagan administration's foreign policy constitutes a "gross violation of the fundamental principles of international law" in the UN Charter. The ad declares, among other things, that the Reagan administration is responsible for complicity in crimes against peace, crimes against humanity and war crimes. Any reply at this time, even by a lower-level White House official, would acknowledge Mac Bride's stature and seem to condone the outrageous charges he is closely identified with.

Charles Hill
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Draft Reply.
2. Incoming Letter.

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Draft Reply

Dear Mr. Mac Bride:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of September 18, 1984, concerning my meeting with Foreign Minister Gromyko. Let me assure you that I approached that meeting fully aware of the hopes which you and people from all walks of life placed in the results of our discussions.

My conversations with Mr. Gromyko provided an excellent opportunity to discuss the entire US-Soviet relationship. We focused on the vital question of nuclear weapons, and the need to reduce and eventually eliminate these weapons of mass destruction. As you know, I have repeatedly voiced my sincere hope that all nuclear weapons will be banished. However, for practical reasons, I believe this can only be a gradual, step-by-step process.

In my meeting, I explained to Mr. Gromyko my own hopes and objectives for the future. I indicated our readiness to resume

Mr. Sean Mac Bride

President, International Peace Bureau

Roebuck House

Clonskea,

Dublin 14, Ireland

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genuine arms control discussions at the earliest possible date
and discussed the specific proposals we have put on the
negotiating table.

Mr. Gromyko did not respond positively at this time to our
proposals for an urgent resumption of the arms control
dialogue. Nevertheless, I am hopeful that after consultation
with his colleagues in Moscow, Mr. Gromyko and the Soviet
leadership will reply positively to our concrete proposals for
reductions in nuclear weapons. For our part, we are flexible
and ready to move forward rapidly. The Soviet Union will find
in the United States a responsible and serious negotiating
partner.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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From the President

Reply to:
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Dublin 14, Ireland

His Excellency
President Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.
USA

Geneva, 18th September 1984

Dear President,

With further reference to our earlier correspondence, I feel that in relation to the forthcoming meeting between Your Excellency and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union, I should emphasize the hopes which this event have aroused in the minds and hearts of the ordinary people in the world. The voluntary, or accidental, threat of nuclear devastation which threatens our planet has cast a dark shadow over humanity; this has resulted in a breakdown of moral values and is the taproot of the violence which is prevalent in our societies. Every thoughtful person in the world will fervently hope that your endeavours and those of the leaders of the Soviet Union will result in banishing those terrible weapons from the face of the earth forever.

It is my respectful submission that this can only be realised by the achievement of General and Complete Disarmament as unanimously decided upon by the United Nations in December 1961 and in June 1978. To this end, I suggested in my earlier letters (11 June and 16 August 1984), that the first essential step was to reassert that the objective of all further negotiations should be General and Complete Disarmament. Once there is a consensus and a political will to do this, the next important issue will be to determine the reasonable period of time within which the disarmament process can be completed; I would suggest 10, 12 or 14 years. Orderly negotiations on the basis of the Eight Principles already agreed upon can then proceed constructively. Negotiations for partial measures or arms limitations over the last quarter of a century have proved to be valueless.

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I would also strongly urge that the services of the Secretary General of the United Nations and of his experienced staff should be availed of in this process.

An expression of the will and determination of the leaders of the two major nuclear powers in the world to proceed to General and Complete Disarmament would transform the entire world situation and give a new hope to humanity.

In conclusion may I humbly pray Your Excellency at this crucial period to bear in mind the words written by Albert Einstein some decades ago:

"Our world faces a crisis as yet unperceived by those possessing the power to make great decisions for good or evil. The unleashed power of the atom has changed everything save our modes of thinking, and thus we drift towards unparalleled catastrophe."

We will all pray and hope that the great decisions you and your Soviet colleague will make in the coming days will be for the good of mankind and the protection of its environment.

I have the honour, Mr. President, to convey to you my most respectful and warm best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Seán Mac Bride

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President