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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1995 95 DEC 29 P1:25

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE  
PATRICK GRIFFIN *ad*

SUBJECT: Letters to Representatives Gilman et al. regarding Northern Ireland

Purpose

To respond to a letter from Representative Gilman and four other Representatives.

Background

Representative Gilman and four other Representatives wrote to you expressing concern about the human rights situation in Northern Ireland.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the response at Tab A.

Attachments

- Tab A Letters to Representatives Gilman et al.
- Tab B Incoming correspondence

cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern about the human rights situation in Northern Ireland. I attach great importance to human rights and, like you, believe that respect for human rights is fundamental to the success of the peace and reconciliation process in Northern Ireland.

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Thank you again for sharing your views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-4309

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Dear Representative Smith:

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The Honorable Christopher H. Smith  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3810

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Dear Jim:

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The Honorable James P. Moran  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-0305

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The Honorable Tom Lantos  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-1402

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Dear Representative King:

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The Honorable Peter T. King  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-2901

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(date)

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**RM:**

**OK FOR SIGNATURE PER TODD STERN**

**RETURN ALL LETTER(S) AND ORIGINAL MEMO(S) TO STERN'S OFFICE.**

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*Brian Chilton<sup>A</sup>*

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*Bill Clinton* <sup>A</sup>

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MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

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SUBJ: LTRS TO REP GILMAN ET AL RE NORTHERN IRELAND

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COMMENT:

FOR



JOHN W. FICKLIN

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