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1. THE FOLLOWING "SCENESETTER" PROVIDES BACKGROUND FOR
UNDER SECRETARY EIZENSTAT'S MAY 20-21 VISIT TO DUBLIN.

SCENESETTER: REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

SEVEN DECADES AFTER INDEPENDENCE, IRELAND IS STILL
DEFINING ITSELF AS A NATION. JUNE 10, 1996 HAS BEEN SET
AS THE DATE FOR HISTORIC ALL-PARTY TALKS AIMED AT
NEGOTIATING A LASTING SETTLEMENT TO THE BITTER DISPUTE
OVER BRITISH JURISDICTION IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE
STATUS OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC MINORITY IN THAT TROUBLED
REGION. HOWEVER, THE BREAKDOWN OF THE IRA CEASEFIRE IN
FEBRUARY 1996 RAISES THE RISK OF RENEWED BLOODSHED IN THE
UK AND IRELAND AS THE PEACE PROCESS UNFOLDS. IRELAND,
WHICH HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN NEUTRAL, IS ALSO TRYING TO
DEFINE ITS ROLE IN POST-COLD WAR EUROPEAN SECURITY
STRUCTURES. IRELAND WILL HAVE TO FACE THIS CHALLENGE
SQUARELY WHEN IT ASSUMES THE EU PRESIDENCY IN JUNE 1996.
BEYOND THIS, IRELAND IS COPING WITH THE NEED TO MODERNIZE
ITS APPROACH ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES SUCH AS
UNEMPLOYMENT, CRIME (INCLUDING ILLEGAL DRUGS) AND FAMILY
LIFE (INCLUDING DIVORCE AND SEXUAL ABUSE). IRELAND'S
CLOSE TIES TO THE UNITED STATES WERE REINFORCED DURING

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S HISTORIC VISIT TO DUBLIN ON DECEMBER 1-2, 1995.

DOMESTIC POLITICAL OVERVIEW

THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT IS A THREE-PARTY COALITION THAT CAME TO POWER IN DECEMBER 1994, FOLLOWING THE SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED DOWNFALL OF ALBERT REYNOLDS. LED BY PRIME MINISTER JOHN BRUTON OF FINE GAEL (CONSERVATIVE), THIS "RAINBOW" COALITION ALSO INCLUDES THE LABOUR PARTY (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC) AND DEMOCRATIC LEFT (SOCIALIST). THE COALITION HOLDS A NARROW THREE-SEAT MAJORITY IN THE 166-SEAT DAIL (HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES), THE MAIN PARLIAMENTARY CHAMBER.

THE MAIN OPPOSITION PARTY IS FIANNA FAIL, THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST AND MOST NATIONALIST POLITICAL PARTY, WHICH HAS DOMINATED IRISH POLITICS SINCE THE 1930'S. BERTIE AHERN, THE LEADER OF FIANNA FAIL, ACCUSES THE GOVERNMENT OF MISMANAGING THE PEACE PROCESS AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE BREAKDOWN OF THE IRA CEASEFIRE.

DESPITE CLEAR IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES AMONG THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES -- ESPECIALLY ON ECONOMIC ISSUES -- THE COALITION HAS BEEN SURPRISINGLY COHESIVE AND IS EXPECTED TO SURVIVE UNTIL 1997, WHEN NEW PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS MUST BE CALLED. RELATIONS ARE GOOD BETWEEN BRUTON AND HIS TWO COALITION PARTNERS, LABOUR LEADER DICK SPRING (DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER) AND DEMOCRATIC LEFT LEADER PROINSIAS DE ROSSA (SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER). IRELAND TAKES OVER THE PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION DURING THE SECOND HALF OF 1996, A PRESTIGIOUS ASSIGNMENT THAT GIVES THE COALITION PARTIES A STRONG INCENTIVE TO STAY TOGETHER UNTIL 1997.

THE REPUBLIC'S SOCIALLY CONSERVATIVE SOCIETY HAS BEEN CITED AS ONE OF THE POTENTIAL STUMBLING BLOCKS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ALL-IRELAND POLITICAL STRUCTURES, BUT THAT IS CHANGING. BY A TINY MARGIN, THE IRISH PUBLIC VOTED IN A REFERENDUM ON NOVEMBER 24, 1995 TO END THE CONSTITUTIONAL BAN ON DIVORCE, DESPITE THE CONTINUING OPPOSITION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. SINCE 1986, WHEN IRISH VOTERS UPHELD THE BAN ON A DIVORCE BY A 2-TO-1 MARGIN, THE MORAL AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH HAS BEEN BADLY DAMAGED BY A SERIES OF HIGH-PROFILE SEXUAL MISCONDUCT CASES INVOLVING PROMINENT CLERGYMEN. RECENT REVELATIONS INDICATE THAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS SYSTEMATICALLY WITHHELD INFORMATION ABOUT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE FROM AUTHORITIES, PREFERRING TO KEEP THINGS QUIET BY PAYING FINANCIAL COMPENSATION DIRECTLY TO VICTIMS' FAMILIES.

NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS

THE IRISH GOVERNMENT PLAYS A KEY BROKERING ROLE IN THE EFFORT TO SECURE A LASTING PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND. PRIME MINISTER JOHN BRUTON INHERITED THE 1994 SINN FEIN/IRA AND LOYALIST PARAMILITARY CEASEFIRES, AND HAS

SINCE BEEN WORKING WITH LONDON AS WELL AS NATIONALIST AND UNIONIST PARTIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND TO LAUNCH ALL-PARTY TALKS AIMED AT A LONG-TERM POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. THESE EFFORTS RECEIVED A SERIOUS SETBACK WHEN THE IRA ENDED ITS CEASEFIRE ON FEBRUARY 9, 1996 WITH A BOMB AT CANARY WHARF IN LONDON THAT KILLED TWO AND INJURED DOZENS OF PEOPLE.

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THERE IS WIDESPREAD PUBLIC SUPPORT IN IRELAND FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO RESTORE PEACE AND PURSUE A LONG-TERM, DEMOCRATIC APPROACH TO RESOLVING THE NORTHERN IRELAND ISSUE.

IN AN HISTORIC ANNOUNCEMENT, THE IRISH AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS DECLARED ON FEBRUARY 28, 1996 THAT ALL-PARTY POLITICAL TALKS WOULD BEGIN ON JUNE 10. HOWEVER, DEEP DISTRUST BETWEEN THE UNIONIST/PROTESTANT AND NATIONALIST/CATHOLIC PARTIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND IS HAMPERING THE TWO GOVERNMENTS' EFFORTS TO MAKE SURE THE TALKS START ON THAT DATE AND WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AND GATHER MOMENTUM. DUBLIN AND LONDON ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT SINN FEIN, THE POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IRA, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS UNLESS THE IRA RESTORES ITS CEASEFIRE BEFOREHAND. PRESIDENT CLINTON'S HISTORIC DECEMBER 1-2 VISIT TO IRELAND PROVIDED A BOOST TO THE ANGLO-IRISH PEACE PROCESS AT A CRITICAL MOMENT, AND GALVANIZED PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR PEACE. THE IRISH ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE U.S. ROLE IN SUPPORTING THE PEACE PROCESS AND ACCORDING NORTHERN IRELAND A HIGHER PROFILE ON THE U.S.-U.K. AGENDA. THERE IS WIDESPREAD APPRECIATION FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IN HELPING TO ESTABLISH THE 1994 CEASEFIRE BY ISSUING VISAS TO SINN FEIN LEADERS, AND FOR SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL'S INVOLVEMENT IN CHAIRING AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ARMS DECOMMISSIONING. THE U.S. AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THE IRA CEASEFIRE SHOULD BE RESTORED IMMEDIATELY AND THAT BOTH SIDES IN THE CONFLICT SHOULD

UNDERTAKE THE COMPROMISES NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE A LASTING NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. WHILE ANXIOUS THAT U.S. ENGAGEMENT NOT ECLIPSE THEIR OWN ROLE AS BROKERS, THE IRISH CONSIDER OUR INVOLVEMENT TO BE CRUCIAL IN PROVIDING ALL SIDES WITH THE CONFIDENCE NEEDED TO MOVE TOWARD A SETTLEMENT.

IRELAND'S EU PRESIDENCY

DURING THE SECOND HALF OF 1996, IRELAND WILL HOLD THE EU PRESIDENCY FOR THE FIFTH TIME SINCE IT BECAME A MEMBER IN 1973. THIS PRESIDENCY COINCIDES WITH THE EU'S INTERGOVERNMENT CONFERENCE (IGC). APART FROM THE CONSIDERABLE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BENEFIT CONFERRED BY THE UNION, MEMBERSHIP ENABLES THE SMALL COUNTRY OF IRELAND TO STAND ON VIRTUALLY EQUAL GROUND WITH THE MAJOR EUROPEAN POWERS. IRELAND IS THEREFORE CONCERNED ABOUT PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE EU TREATY IN SUCH A WAY THAT WOULD REDUCE THE DECISION-MAKING INFLUENCE OF SMALLER MEMBERS. THUS, DURING THE IGC, IRELAND IS LIKELY TO PUSH TO ENSURE THAT EACH MEMBER RETAINS ONE COMMISSIONER (IRELAND'S CURRENT COMMISSIONER IS PADRAIG FLYNN), THAT THE SYSTEM OF ROTATING PRESIDENCIES DOES NOT CHANGE, AND THAT SMALLER MEMBER STATES CONTINUE TO HAVE AN ADEQUATE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (IRELAND HAS 15 MEMBERS). *ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT ISSUES IRELAND WILL FACE DURING ITS PRESIDENCY IS THE IGC AGENDA ITEM OF COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY (CFSP), SPECIFICALLY AS RELATED TO SECURITY AND DEFENSE. IRELAND HAS A LONG TRADITION OF MILITARY NEUTRALITY; IT IS THE ONLY EU MEMBER STATE THAT HAS NOT YET JOINED NATO'S PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE (PFP). GIVEN THE EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT TO NEUTRALITY, IRELAND IS LIKELY TO FOCUS ON WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE TO WEU ACTIVITIES IN THE AREAS OF CONFLICT PREVENTION AND PEACEKEEPING, WHILE STEERING CLEAR OF STEPS THAT MIGHT LEAD TO JOINING MUTUAL DEFENSE PACTS. IRELAND PUBLISHED IN MARCH A LONG-AWAITED WHITE PAPER ON SECURITY POLICY, WHICH HAS BROUGHT THE ISSUES OF PFP AND WEU MEMBERSHIP UP FOR PUBLIC DEBATE.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

IRELAND HAS AN OPEN ECONOMY IN WHICH EXPORTS ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF GNP AND FOREIGN-OWNED MULTINATIONALS CONTRIBUTE TWO-THIRDS OF NET MANUFACTURING OUTPUT. THE ECONOMY IS THUS GREATLY INFLUENCED BY THE ECONOMIC POLICIES OF ITS TRADING AND INVESTMENT PARTNERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION, OF WHICH IRELAND HAS BEEN A MEMBER SINCE 1973.

THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES A POLICY OF FISCAL RESTRAINT, YET GROWTH HAS NOT BEEN DAMPENED. THE IRISH ECONOMY IS EXPANDING AT A MUCH FASTER RATE THAN THE EU AVERAGE, WITH AN AVERAGE 4.4 PERCENT GROWTH IN GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS. IN 1995, THE IRISH ECONOMY GREW BY APPROXIMATELY 7.75 PERCENT, THE FASTEST GROWTH RATE OF

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ALL OECD COUNTRIES. IN SPITE OF STEADY ECONOMIC GROWTH, INFLATION, AVERAGING 2.4 PERCENT DURING THE PERIOD, HAS ALSO BEEN LOWER THAN THE EU AVERAGE OF 4.5 PERCENT. IRELAND'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SITUATION IS HEALTHY, AS EVIDENCED BY A 25 PERCENT INCREASE IN EXPORTS, AND A 16 PERCENT INCREASE IN 1995 AND A U.S. DOLLARS 4.3 BILLION SURPLUS IN THE CURRENT ACCOUNT. DESPITE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC GROWTH, PER CAPITA INCOME, AT U.S. DOLLARS 17,600 IN 1995, REMAINS FAR BELOW THE EUROPEAN AVERAGE. UNEMPLOYMENT, AT 13 PERCENT, IS THE THIRD HIGHEST RATE IN THE EU (COMPARED TO A EUROPEAN AVERAGE OF 11 PERCENT). THE HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS IN LARGE PART DUE TO A TWO PERCENT YEARLY GROWTH IN THE POTENTIAL LABOR FORCE, WHICH IS ABOUT FOUR TIMES THAT OF THE EUROPEAN AVERAGE. THIS GROWTH RATE IS NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, AND MORE THAN HALF THE POPULATION IS UNDER 28 YEARS OF AGE. ONE OF THE GREATEST CHALLENGES TO THE IRISH GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE, IS TO STIMULATE THE KIND OF INVESTMENT IN IRELAND THAT WILL CREATE NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ITS YOUNG CITIZENS.

THE IRISH ECONOMY HAS BEEN ASSISTED IN OVERCOMING WEAKNESSES IN ITS INFRASTRUCTURE BY THE EU STRUCTURAL AND COHESION FUNDS. DURING THE PERIOD 1994-1999, FUND ALLOCATIONS TO IRELAND TOTALED APPROXIMATELY USD 10 BILLION. IRELAND'S ALLOCATION FROM THE FUNDS IS EXPECTED TO DECREASE AFTER THE YEAR 2000, AS EU ENLARGEMENT PUTS GREATER DEMANDS ON LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

THE IRISH GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO MEETING THE MAASTRICHT TREATY CRITERIA FOR PROCEEDING TO EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION (EMU). TO THAT END, IT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN KEEPINGS ITS GOVERNMENT DEFICIT BELOW THREE PERCENT OF GDP EVERY YEAR SINCE 1988. GOVERNMENT DEBT HAS ALSO BEEN

REDUCED SIGNIFICANTLY, ALTHOUGH IT STANDS AT APPROXIMATELY 85 PERCENT OF GDP. THE EXCHANGE RATE IS STABLE, AND INTEREST RATES ARE DECLINING.

IRISH OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM'S POSSIBLE OPT-OUT OF THE SINGLE CURRENCY, AS THE IRISH ECONOMY IS CLOSELY LINKED TO STERLING. THE GOVERNMENT WILL PUSH HARD FOR A MECHANISM WHEREBY CURRENCIES REMAINING OUTSIDE OF EMU WILL MAINTAIN SIMILAR MONETARY POLICY GOALS.

U.S./IRELAND TRADE AND INVESTMENT

IRELAND, ALTHOUGH A SMALL COUNTRY WITH 3.5 MILLION INHABITANTS, HAS SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. DURING 1995, TOTAL BILATERAL TRADE EXCEEDED U.S. DOLLARS 8.9 BILLION, WITH THE U.S. HAVING A TRADE SURPLUS OF ABOUT U.S. DOLLARS 1.7 BILLION. IRELAND HAS ONE PERCENT OF THE EU'S POPULATION, BUT FOUR PERCENT OF U.S. INVESTMENT IN THE EU. THE COUNTRY IS A SIGNIFICANT GEO-STRATEGIC GATEWAY TO THE EUROPEAN MARKETPLACE.

THE LEADING PRODUCT CATEGORIES OF THE \$5.3 BILLION U.S. EXPORTS TO IRELAND IN 1995 WERE COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONICS PRODUCTS (35 PERCENT), ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (16 PERCENT), AND CHEMICALS AND PHARMACEUTICALS (7 PERCENT). LEADING IRISH EXPORTS TO THE U.S. ARE CHEMICALS AND PHARMACEUTICALS (12 PERCENT), COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONICS PRODUCTS (22 PERCENT), AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (22 PERCENT).

SOME 400 U.S. COMPANIES -- EMPLOYING OVER 47,000 PEOPLE -- HAVE ESTABLISHED MANUFACTURING, ASSEMBLY, OPERATIONAL OR SERVICE OPERATIONS IN IRELAND, WITH INVESTMENTS OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHT BILLION DOLLARS. THESE ENCOMPASS A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF INDUSTRY SECTORS INCLUDING COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONICS, CHEMICALS AND PHARMACEUTICALS, HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS. SALES BY U.S. COMPANIES MANUFACTURING IN IRELAND INCREASED ALMOST FOUR-FOLD FROM 1983 (\$4.8 BILLION) TO 1992 (\$16.5 BILLION).

U.S. IMMIGRANT VISA AND VISA WAIVER PROGRAMS

IMMIGRATION IS AN IMPORTANT DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUE IN IRELAND AND A KEY BILATERAL ISSUE IN THE U.S./IRISH RELATIONSHIP. EMIGRATION HAS OFTEN SERVED AS A SAFETY VALVE TO KEEP HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT FROM BECOMING AN EXPLOSIVE ISSUE. THE PRINCIPAL DESTINATION FOR IRISH EMIGRANTS, AFTER THE U.K., IS THE UNITED STATES, MAKING IRELAND ONE OF THE LARGEST PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTORS OF IMMIGRANTS TO THE U.S. ESTIMATES PUT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE U.S. WHO TRACE THEIR ROOTS TO IRELAND AT 45
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MILLION. IMMIGRATION BETWEEN IRELAND AND THE U.S. IS NOT
A ONE-WAY STREET, HOWEVER: AN ESTIMATED 35,000 U.S.
CITIZENS, ONE PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, RESIDE IN
IRELAND.

IRISH NATIONALS HAVE BEEN THE PRIMARY BENEFICIARIES OF
THE VARIOUS RECENT IMMIGRANT VISA LOTTERIES. SPECIAL
PROVISIONS IN SEVERAL OF THE INITIAL LOTTERIES GUARANTEED
THE IRISH A LARGER SHARE OF THE AVAILABLE VISAS THAN THAT
OFFERED TO NATIONALS OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY. UNDER CURRENT
LEGISLATION, HOWEVER, THE IRISH DO NOT ENJOY ANY UNIQUE
ADVANTAGES. SINCE 1987, OVER 70,000 IRISH CITIZENS HAVE
BENEFITED FROM THE IMMIGRANT VISA LOTTERIES.

UNDER THE VISA WAIVER PILOT PROGRAM, AS OF APRIL 1, 1995,
IRISH PASSPORT HOLDERS NO LONGER REQUIRE A VISA FOR
TOURIST STAYS IN THE U.S. OF 90 DAYS OR LESS. SINCE THE
PROGRAM BEGAN, OVER 32,000 IRISH CITIZENS DEPARTING FROM
IRELAND HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF VISA-FREE TRAVEL TO THE
U.S. IN THE PAST, DURING TIMES OF ECONOMIC DOWNTURN,
MANY IRISH CITIZENS HAVE USED A TOURIST VISA TO ENTER AND
WORK ILLEGALLY IN THE U.S. DURING THE PILOT STAGE OF
THIS PROGRAM, THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
WILL ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT THE VISA WAIVER PROGRAM IS
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SUMMARY
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1. AN AUTHORITATIVE POLL CONCLUDES THAT THOSE IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND WHO FAVOR A UNITED IRELAND AS THE PREFERRED SOLUTION NO LONGER REPRESENT A MAJORITY, AS HAD BEEN THE CASE IN ALL PREVIOUS RESEARCH ON NORTHERN IRELAND BEFORE A SIMILAR POLL WAS PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY 1996 FOLLOWING THE BREAKDOWN OF THE IRA CEASEFIRE. THE POLL ALSO CONFIRMS THAT THE PRIMARY EXPECTATION -- HELD BY TWO ELECTORS IN EVERY FIVE -- IS THAT THE IRA MUST RESUME ITS CEASEFIRE AS A PRECONDITION TO PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS BEGINNING JUNE 10, WHILE ONE IN FIVE FEELS THE IRA SHOULD GRADUALLY DECOMMISSION WEAPONS AS THE TALKS PROGRESS.

END SUMMARY
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2. THE JUNE 7 EDITION OF THE "IRISH TIMES" PUBLISHES A POLL CONDUCTED ON JUNE 4 BY MRBI, A LOCAL POLLING FIRM. MRBI'S WIDELY RESPECTED CHAIRMAN, JACK JONES, ANALYSES

THE RESULTS IN AN ARTICLE IN THE JUNE 7 "IRISH TIMES."
THE TEXT OF THAT ARTICLE IS CARRIED BELOW IN ITS
ENTIRETY.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF ANALYSIS OF MRBI POLL:

"ELECTORATE STRONGLY ENDORSES HUME AND BRUTON IN
EFFORTS FOR PEACE"

BY JACK JONES

JUST THREE MONTHS AGO IN LATE FEBRUARY, FOLLOWING THE
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TERMINATION OF THE IRA CEASEFIRE,
THE LAST IRISH TIMES/MRBI OPINION POLL CONTAINED
UNMISTAKABLE MESSAGES FROM A VERY APPREHENSIVE
ELECTORATE FOR ALL THE MAIN FIGURES IN THE NORTHERN
IRELAND SITUATION.

AT THAT JUNCTURE, LARGE MAJORITIES WERE ASKING THAT
INDIVIDUAL AGENDAS BE TAPERED DOWN AND THAT THESE
SHOULD BE REPLACED BY COMPROMISE FROM ALL PARTICIPANTS.
THE PEOPLE IN THE REPUBLIC SET THE SCENE, HAVING PUT
DOWN AN INNOVATIVE MARKER, IN THAT A MAJORITY NO LONGER
SAW A UNITED IRELAND AS THE SINGLE PREFERRED SOLUTION.
THIS PEACE, CLEARLY INDICATED A HIGH EXPECTATION OF
SOME DEGREE OF MODIFICATION, OR COMPROMISE, ON THE PART
OF ALL THE MAIN FIGURES.

DURING THE FINAL SIX WEEKS OF THE RECENT ELECTION
CAMPAIGN, WHILE SOME STATEMENTS COULD BE DESCRIBED AS
CONCILIATORY, THE OVERALL IMPRESSION WAS ONE OF BLUSTER
AND CHALLENGE. THE WISHES OF THE ELECTORATE, AS
REFLECTED IN THE FEBRUARY OPINION POLL IN THE REPUBLIC,
WERE LARGELY IGNORED, AND THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN
IRELAND TURNED OUT AND VOTED AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF
DISAGREEMENT AND DEADLOCK ON MANY ISSUES RELATING TO
THE PROPOSED TALKS.

THIS FURTHER SURVEY, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED AT A VERY
CRUCIAL STAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS -- ON TUESDAY
LAST (I.E. JUNE 4), JUST MIDWAY BETWEEN THE ELECTION
AND THE TALKS -- CONFIRMS MANY OF THE FINDINGS OF THE
FEBRUARY PROJECT.

AT THAT STAGE, TWO-THIRDS OF THE ELECTORATE CONSIDERED
THAT JOHN MAJOR'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ELECTION IN NORTHERN
IRELAND WOULD EITHER BE UNHELPFUL OR WOULD MAKE LITTLE
DIFFERENCE EITHER WAY. TODAY, HALF HOLD THE VIEW THAT
IT HAS EITHER HAD NO EFFECT ON THE PEACE PROCESS OR HAS
ACTUALLY DAMAGED IT.

THIS OUTCOME PARALLELS TO QUITE AN EXTENT THE SITUATION
IN FEBRUARY, WHEN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS PERCEIVED
TO BE THE MAIN PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BREAKING DOWN
OF THE PEACE PROCESS. TODAY, JOHN MAJOR'S ENDEAVORS
HAVE RECEIVED A VERY MIXED REACTION, WITH 46 PERCENT
BELIEVING THAT HE IS NOT DOING ALL HE CAN TO FIND A
SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM AND 36 PERCENT FAVORABLY
DISPOSED TO HIM ON THE ISSUE.

ON THE SAME CRITERION, BOTH JOHN HUME AND JOHN BRUTON
HAVE MADE A VERY IMPRESSIVE IMPACT, WITH FAVORABLE
RATINGS OF 81 PER CENT AND 72 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY,
WHILE IAN

PAISLEY AND DAVID TRIMBLE HAVE NEGATIVE
RATINGS OF 81 PERCENT AND 50 PERCENT.

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ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONCLUSIONS FROM THIS
SURVEY IS THAT THOSE WHO FAVOR A UNITED IRELAND AS THE
PREFERRED SOLUTION NO LONGER REPRESENT A MAJORITY, AS
HAD BEEN THE CASE IN ALL PREVIOUS RESEARCH ON NORTHERN
IRELAND BEFORE THE FEBRUARY OPINION POLL.

AS RECENTLY AS 1991, MORE THAN FOUR IN EVERY FIVE
PEOPLE IN THE REPUBLIC ASPIRED TO A UNITED IRELAND.
TODAY, THE FIGURE REMAINS AT APPROXIMATELY ONE IN
THREE, CONFIRMING THE FEBRUARY SITUATION. TO
COMPLEMENT THIS, THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE WOULD ACCEPT A
NORTHERN IRELAND LINKED TO BOTH THE UK AND THE REPUBLIC
REMAINS SOLID, AND CONFIRMS AN UNMISTAKABLE CHANGE IN
PUBLIC OPINION ON THE ISSUE.

SINN FEIN PARTICIPATION

A FURTHER INFORMATIVE AREA RELATES TO PUBLIC REACTION
TO PRECONDITIONS FOR SINN FEIN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE
PROPOSED TALKS, AND AGAIN THE OUTCOME OF THE FEBRUARY
SURVEY HAS BEEN CONFIRMED, IN THAT ATTITUDES HAVE NOT
ALTERED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE MEANTIME. THE PRIMARY
EXPECTATION -- HELD BY TWO ELECTORS IN EVERY FIVE -- IS
THAT THE IRA MUST RESUME ITS CEASEFIRE AS A
PRECONDITION TO PARTICIPATION, WHILE ONE IN FIVE FEELS
THE IRA SHOULD GRADUALLY DECOMMISSION WEAPONS AS THE
TALKS PROGRESS.

THE ONLY NOTICEABLE CHANGE IN THIS CONTEXT SINCE FEBRUARY -- WHICH IMPLIES THAT SOME ELECTORS ARE BEGINNING TO BECOME IMPATIENT -- IS THAT SUPPORT FOR THE IRA DECOMMISSIONING OF ALL WEAPONS BEFORE THE START OF TALKS HAS INCREASED FROM 10 PERCENT TO 17 PERCENT OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS.

THE FINAL QUESTION ON NORTHERN IRELAND RELATED TO PERCEPTION OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS REFLECTING THE NATIONALIST VIEWPOINT. WHILE AT FIRST GLANCE, OPINIONS WOULD APPEAR TO BE MIXED ON THIS ISSUE -- WITH 45 PERCENT SAYING THAT NATIONALIST OPINION IS BEING ADEQUATELY REFLECTED AND 40 PERCENT FEELING THAT IT IS NOT BEING PRESENTED STRONGLY ENOUGH -- A CLOSER INSPECTION OF THE DATA PROVIDES A MORE MEANINGFUL INTERPRETATION. SOME 50 PERCENT OF THOSE WHO ARE CRITICAL IN THIS RESPECT ARE FIANNA FAIL (NOTE: MAIN OPPOSITION PARTY) SUPPORTERS, WHILE FAVORABLE REACTION IS, NOT SURPRISINGLY, MOST WIDELY HELD BY THOSE OF FINE GAEL AND LABOUR.

TO CONCLUDE, IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT WHILE TRADITIONALLY NORTHERN IRELAND HAS NOT EMERGED AS A RELEVANT ISSUE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THIS JURISDICTION IN THE PAST, IT WOULD BE VERY UNWISE FOR ANY POLITICIAN WHO IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED TO ASSUME THAT THIS WILL NOT BE A RELEVANT FACTOR IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN NEXT YEAR.

SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE IRA CEASEFIRE IN AUGUST 1994, THE IRISH PEOPLE HAVE HAD A VERY REAL OPPORTUNITY OF EXPERIENCING WHAT PEACE MEANS, WITH ITS HIGHLY ADVANTAGEOUS CONSEQUENCES IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL AREAS.

THE POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS EFFECTS -- BOTH PSYCHOLOGICAL AND OTHERWISE -- OF QN OF THE CEASEFIRE IN FEBRUARY ARE CLEARLY EVIDENT WITHIN THE RANKS OF AN APPREHENSIVE AND CONCERNED ELECTORATE IN BOTH TODAY'S AND LAST FEBRUARY'S OPINION POLLS. FINALLY, THE RECENT BUILD-UP TO BOTH THE NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTIONS AND TALKS HAS RAISED EXPECTATIONS TO A DEGREE THAT ANY OUTCOME OTHER THAN THE RESTORATION OF PEACE WILL BE CONSTRUED AS FAILURE BY THOSE WHO EVENTUALLY WILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY -- THE PEOPLE.

END TEXT OF ANALYSIS OF MRBI POLL.
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1. SUMMARY: NORTHERN IRELAND POLITICIANS HAVE REACTED ANGRILY TO THE JUNE 15 BOMBING OF A MANCHESTER CITY SHOPPING CENTER WHICH LEFT OVER 200 PEOPLE INJURED - SEVERAL OF THEM SERIOUSLY - AND CAUSED DAMAGE REPORTEDLY IN EXCESS OF 100 MILLION POUNDS. THE IRA IS BELIEVED TO BE BEHIND THE ATTACK. THE ATTACK HAS PROMPTED SEVERE CRITICISM OF SINN FEIN FROM ALL QUARTERS AND CAST DOUBT WHETHER THE PARTY CAN BE INCLUDED IN MULTI-PARTY TALKS EVEN IF THE IRA CALLS ANOTHER CEASE-FIRE. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL CALLS FOR THE REINTRODUCTION OF INTERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. UNIONISTS HAVE BEEN SWIFT IN THEIR CONDEMNATION OF THE MANCHESTER ATTACK. ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY LEADER DAVID TRIMBLE ACCUSED THE BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS OF "TOTAL PASSIVITY" IN DEALING WITH THE IRA AND URGED A TOUGHER LINE IN FUTURE. HE DISMISSED ANY NOTION THAT SINN FEIN LEADERS GERRY ADAMS AND MARTIN MCGUINNESS WERE INVOLVED IN A STRUGGLE WITH THE IRA LEADERSHIP TO PREVENT A RETURN TO VIOLENCE, INSISTING THAT BOTH

WERE INVOLVED IN "SINN FEIN/IRA" AND "WHILE THEY ARE PART OF THAT ORGANIZATION THEY HAVE TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT THEIR ORGANIZATION DOES." HIS PARTY COLLEAGUE KEN MAGINNIS CALLED FOR "SELECTIVE INTERNMENT" AND SAID THAT MARTIN MCGUINNESS SHOULD BE AMONG THOSE ROUNDED UP. MAGINNIS FORECAST THAT THE IRA WOULD DECLARE ANOTHER CEASE-FIRE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BUT CALLED ON THE TWO GOVERNMENTS NOT TO ALLOW SINN FEIN INTO THE TALKS EVEN IN THE EVENT OF A CEASE-FIRE.

3. FOR THE DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY, DEPUTY LEADER PETER ROBINSON SAID THE BOMBING SHOWED THAT GERRY ADAMS "DOES NOT WANT OR IS NOT ABLE TO CONTROL THE IRA." IT ALSO SHOWED, ROBINSON OPINED, THAT THE IRA BELIEVED IT COULD EXTRACT CONCESSIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT BY A "PERIODIC TURNING OF THE SCREW." HE CALLED ON THE SDLP AND THE IRISH GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WERE CONTENT TO "MARK TIME WAITING FOR THE IRA OR WHETHER THEY ARE PREPARED TO SERIOUSLY NEGOTIATE WITH UNIONISTS." THE PARTY'S MP FOR MID-ULSTER, WILLIAM MCCREA STATED, "THE GOVERNMENT MUST FORTHWITH DECLARE WAR ON THE PROVOS AND EFFECTIVELY DESTROY THE TERRORIST THREAT IN OUR MIDST."

4. DAVID ERVINE OF THE PROGRESSIVE UNIONIST PARTY, THE PARTY WITH LINKS TO THE LOYALIST PARAMILITARY "ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE", SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE LOYALIST CEASE-FIRE WOULD HOLD AS LONG AS THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TAKE ACTION IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE IRA ATTACK. HE SAID, "THE BIGGEST SINGLE ADVANTAGE WHICH COULD HAPPEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WHO HAVE PANDERED TO THE MONSTER NOW DEAL WITH THE MONSTER. NO MORE HONEYED WORDS. NO MORE CONDEMNATION. THEY SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. THEY SHOULD DO SOMETHING PHYSICAL ABOUT IT." GARY MCMICHAEL OF THE ULSTER DEMOCRATIC PARTY CALLED ON SDLP LEADER JOHN HUME TO SEVER HIS LINKS WITH GERRY ADAMS. "IT'S TIME TO CUT LOOSE..THOSE WHO ARE NOT INTERESTED IN PEACE SHOULD BE LEFT BEHIND."

5. JOE HENDRON OF THE SDLP WARNED THAT INTERNMENT WOULD BE "TOTALLY AND ABSOLUTELY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE." WHILE HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE BOMBING WAS A "MAJOR SETBACK FOR THE WHOLE PEACE PROCESS," HENDRON INSISTED THAT SINN FEIN SHOULD BE ALLOWED INTO TALKS IF THE IRA CALLED ANOTHER CEASE-FIRE. HE SAID, "I STILL BELIEVE THERE ARE PEOPLE WITHIN THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP WHO ARE TRYING TO GO DOWN THE ROAD FOR PEACE." PARTY CHAIRMAN JONATHAN STEPHENSON STATED, "WHOEVER DID THIS IS CLEARLY TRYING TO WRECK THE PEACE TALKS AND PROVOKE A RETURN TO FULL-SCALE CONFLICT. THEY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO SUCCEED."

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