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October 3, 1996

Robert C. Linnon, Ph.D.  
National President  
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BILL CLINTON 

BC/KMB/RSM/RLM/lynn-efr-ws  
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cc: Mary Ann Peters, 368 OEOB

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September 26, 1996

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*Should it read:  
In August, I wrote...  
and made clear?  
or (as in orig) in order to  
make clear?*

*JW*

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WASHINGTON

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*just & lasting peace  
protestant  
in Northern Ireland.*

(RLB)

NOV 3 1996

Mary Ann -

Here is a copy of the final version of  
the Robert Linnon letter we have been  
working on, per your request.

- Kyle  
— x6-5515

Kyle

OK w/ just one  
change — Jhx.

Mary Ann

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September 16, 1996

TOP SECRET  
FROM ORN

The Honorable William Clinton  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton,

I'm writing to thank you for issuing the Executive Order which mandates that those entities receiving allocations from the U.S. contribution to the International Fund for Ireland must abide by the MacBride Principles. It is very important not only to help end discrimination in the work place but because it puts the United States on record as being opposed to discrimination per se. It helps to send a message to the United Kingdom that what they have fostered in the north of Ireland over the last three quarters of a century is morally wrong.

In addition Mr. President, I want to thank you for all you have done to bring an end to the conflict and to promote peace and justice in Ireland. With your continued pressure perhaps there will soon be a just and lasting solution.

I certainly wish you the best of luck on your upcoming election. As the Florida coordinator for Irish Americans for Clinton/Gore I, and others, are working hard to make sure that happens.

Sincerely,

*Robert C. Linnon*

Robert C. Linnon, Ph.D.  
Political Action Chmn.

SEP 18 1996

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## SUGGESTED LANGUAGE ON MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES FOR REPLY TO BOB LINNON

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