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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1998

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Again, thank you for writing and for your words of support for our efforts to bring a lasting peace to Northern Ireland.

Sincerely, A

Ben Clinton

The Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman
Chairman
Committee on International Relations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3220

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The Honorable Richard E. Neal
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2102

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Bill^A

The Honorable Thomas J. Manton
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3207

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Honorable Peter T. King
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3203

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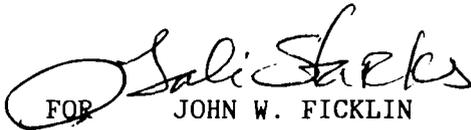
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FOR JOHN W. FICKLIN

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