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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 3, 1997

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER *SB*
JOHN HILLEY *John Hilley*

SUBJECT:

Letter to Representative James Walsh

Purpose

To respond to a letter from Representative James Walsh, Chairman of the Friends of Ireland.

Background

Representative Walsh wrote urging your continued support for the peace process in Northern Ireland and updating you on a recent trip that he and colleagues took to the region.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

- Tab A Letter to Representative Walsh
- Tab B Incoming correspondence

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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WASHINGTON

April 4, 1997

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Sincerely,

Bill Clinton ^A

The Honorable James T. Walsh
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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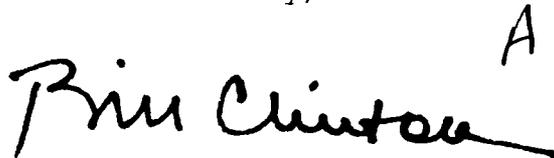
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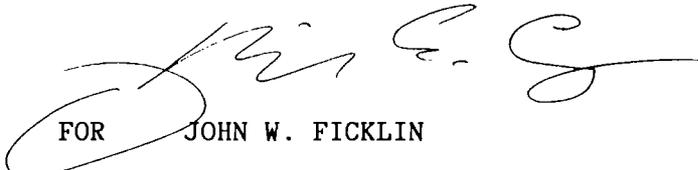
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COMMENT:


FOR JOHN W. FICKLIN

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