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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4502

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December 9, 1997

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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Your determination to help move Ireland toward lasting peace and reconciliation has been one of your central accomplishments as President.

An important factor in your success has been the skillful and effective representation which Jean Kennedy Smith has provided as our Ambassador in Dublin. She has served you and our country superbly, and I know she will continue to be of enormous help to you as long as she remains our Ambassador.

Should the time come when Ambassador Smith completes her tour in Dublin, I urge you to consider my good friend, Paul S. Quinn, to succeed her. I am sure there will be many Irish Americans eager for the assignment, but few can match Paul's expertise and his record of involvement in the cause of peace.

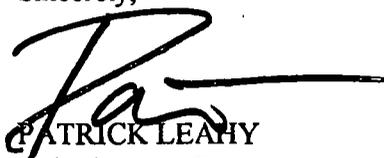
I have known and worked closely with Paul since I arrived in the Senate almost 23 years ago and his advice and counsel have always proved reliable and valuable. This has been especially true on questions involving Ireland as I have become increasingly engaged in Irish issues.

Paul Quinn has been personally and intensely involved in the pursuit of peace in Ireland for as long as I have known him and he has become one of Washington's premier experts on the conflict and the paths to peace. He immersed himself in the issue at a time when everyone else saw the conflict as insoluble and impossible. Paul helped introduce John Hume to Washington and later played a similar role for important Unionist figures who are now at the peace table.

Mr. President, we share an intense commitment to maintaining momentum toward peace in North Ireland. If the time comes when Ambassador Smith completes her assignment in Dublin, I believe there would be no better person to step in and continue that momentum that Paul Quinn.

I recommend him to you enthusiastically, knowing that he would be a credit to you and your Administration and a strong ally in the pursuit of peace.

Sincerely,



PATRICK LEAHY
United States Senator