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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 27, 2000

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter concerning certification of full implementation of the Patten Report recommendations. I share your view that assuring a professional police service in Northern Ireland that meets the highest possible standards and that enjoys the support of the community as a whole is a vital element of the Good Friday Accord.

While it is up to the people of Northern Ireland and Members of Parliament to address the specific proposals, we will -- consistent with U.S. law -- carefully monitor the commitment of the British and Irish governments to assist in the full implementation of the Patten Report recommendations. Both Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern are aware of my strong interest in this issue. Legislation aimed at implementing Patten is currently making its way through Westminster. Once that legislation has been adopted and we have had a chance to evaluate its impact, I will assess whether I can make the necessary certification.

Again, thank you for writing on this important matter.

Sincerely,

*Bill Clinton*

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

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