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TO: RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8566
INFO: RUEHLO/AMEMBASSY LONDON 8032
RUEHDL/AMEMBASSY DUBLIN 5803
SUBJ: ULSTER UNIONISTS AND SDLP MEET AFTER CLINTON VISIT.

TEXT:
UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 BELFAST 0351

E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: PREL, PGOV, ECON, OVIP (CLINTON, WILLIAM), UK, EI
SUBJECT: ULSTER UNIONISTS AND SDLP MEET AFTER CLINTON VISIT.

1. SUMMARY: SDLP AND ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY
DELEGATIONS MET DECEMBER 4 TO DISCUSS NORTHERN

IRELAND ECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE WAKE OF PRESIDENT
CLINTON'S VISIT TO THE PROVINCE. BOTH PARTIES

DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS ENCOURAGING, AND HAVE
ASKED FOR A JOINT MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER
MAJOR. END SUMMARY.

2. THE UUP AND SDLP LEADERS EMERGED FROM THEIR
MEETING IN A COUNTRY ANTRIM HOTEL IN A BUOYANT
MOOD AND PLEDGED TO BUILD ON THE INTERNATIONAL
GOODWILL GENERATED BY PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT
TO NORTHERN IRELAND. THE MEETING WAS THE FIRST
BETWEEN THE PARTIES IN FIVE MONTHS, AND THE FIRST
SINCE DAVID TRIMBLE BECAME UUP PARTY LEADER. THE
FIVE-MAN DELEGATIONS CONCENTRATED ON ECONOMIC
ISSUES, BUT POLITICAL MATTERS SUCH AS THE
DECOMMISSIONING BODY AND UNIONIST PROPOSALS FOR
AN ELECTED ASSEMBLY WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. THE TWO
LEADERS AGREED TO HOLD FURTHER TALKS BEFORE
CHRISTMAS.

3. SPEAKING AFTER THE MEETING WITH THE SDLP, DAVID
TRIMBLE SAID IT WAS TIME ULSTER'S POLITICIANS SET
THE WIDER AGENDA. "WE HAVE, AFTER AN
UNDERSTANDABLE HIATUS, RESUMED MEETINGS AND WE
ARE DETERMINED, PARTICULARLY ON ECONOMIC ISSUES,

THAT WE SHOULDN'T SIMPLY BE REACTIVE AND PASSIVE AND LETTING THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE AND OTHERS SET THE AGENDA. WE VERY MUCH HOPE THAT WE CAN HARNESS THE GOODWILL THAT HAS BEEN SHOWN FOR THE GOOD OF NORTHERN IRELAND. WE WILL BE GOING BACK JOINTLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER TO EXPLORE THE MATTERS FURTHER," TRIMBLE SAID. UUP DEPUTY LEADER JOHN TAYLOR SAID THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES SENT A STRONG SIGNAL TO THE GOVERNMENT. "WE HAVE A LOT IN COMMON . IF THE TWO MAIN PARTIES CAN GET SOME DEGREE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING THEN IT HELPS THE OTHERS ON THE SIDELINE TO COME ON BOARD."

4. SDLP LEADER JOHN HUME SAID THE PARTIES HAD ADOPTED A FRESH APPROACH BUT SAID HE WOULD NOT DISGUISE THE FACT THAT DIFFERENCES EXISTED. "IT IS EXTREMELY ENCOURAGING THAT WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER. WE ARE BUILDING TRUST AND I HOPE THAT WILL ASSIST US IN THE MORE DIFFICULT POLITICAL MATTERS WHERE WE OBVIOUSLY DISAGREE BUT WE WILL CONTINUE WITH OUR DIALOGUE. THERE WERE DISCUSSIONS ON POLITICAL MATTERS WHERE WE DISAGREED BUT WE WILL CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSIONS BECAUSE, AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE HAVE AGREED THAT DIALOGUE AND AGREEMENT IS THE WAY WE ARE HEADED, AND WE WILL KEEP UP THAT DIALOGUE IN PURSUIT OF AGREEMENT," HE SAID.

5. THE TWO PARTIES APPEAR TO BE MOVING CLOSER TO AN AGREED ECONOMIC POLICY INCLUDING INWARD INVESTMENT AND EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NORTHERN IRELAND. HUME STRESSED THE NEED FOR A JOINT APPROACH TO ATTRACT INWARD INVESTMENT. THE DELEGATIONS SAID THEY WILL BE SEEKING TALKS WITH THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

6. AFTER THE MEETING ENDED, IRISH PRIME MINISTER JOHN BRUTON SAID HE HEARTILY WELCOMED THE TRIMBLE-HUME TALKS. HE SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AND HOPED IT WOULD BE THE FIRST OF MANY SUCH BILATERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN THE PARTIES. BRUTON CALLED FOR AN "OPEN-MINDED APPROACH" BY NATIONALISTS TO THE TRIMBLE PLAN FOR AN ELECTED ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER, IT IS KNOWN THE SDLP DOES NOT FAVOR THIS PROPOSAL.

7. THE BRITISH SHADOW SECRETARY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, MO MOWLAM, PRAISED THE TWO LEADERS AND SAID THE COMMON ECONOMIC AGENDA WAS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PROCESS OF HEALING DIVISIONS. MOWLAM SUGGESTED THE NEW TWIN-TRACK POLITICAL APPROACH SHOULD BE EXPANDED INTO A MULTI-TRACK APPROACH TO ENCOMPASS ECONOMIC ISSUES. THE ONLY NEGATIVE REACTION CAME FROM THE DUP LEADER, IAN UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 BELFAST 0351

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PAISLEY, WHO SAID THAT IF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE
TWO PARTIES WAS INTENDED TO MARGINALIZE HIS PARTY,

THEN IT WOULD FAIL.

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SUBJ: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESIDENTIAL AND WHITE
HOUSE THANK YOU LETTERS

TEXT:
UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 03 BELFAST 0353
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NSC FOR SODERBERG AND PETERS
WHITE HOUSE FOR WILLIAMSON AND REEFE

E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (CLINTON, WILLIAM J.), PREL, UK, EI

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESIDENTIAL AND WHITE
HOUSE THANK YOU LETTERS

REF: STEPHENS-WILLIAMSON 12/3 TELCON

1. FOLLOWING ARE CONGEN BELFASTQS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
THANK YOU LETTERS TO OFFICIALS AND OTHERS IN RELATION TO
THE PRESIDENTQS VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND.

2. LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT TO:

RT. HON. SIR PATRICK MAYHEW, QC MP
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND
STORMONT CASTLE
BELFAST BT4 3ST
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR SIR PATRICK

SIR HUGH N. ANNESLEY, QPM
CHIEF CONSTABLE
ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY
COMMAND SECRETARIAT

BROOKLYN
KNOCK ROAD
BELFAST BT5 6LE
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR SIR HUGH

3. LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT OR FROM SENIOR WHITE HOUSE
OFFICIAL TO:

MR. PATRICK R. DOUGAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MACKIE INTERNATIONAL LTD.
385 SPRINGFIELD ROAD
BELFAST BT12 7DG
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR PAT

DR. WM. G. HASTINGS, OBE
HASTINGS HOTEL GROUP LTD.
THE MIDLAND BUILDING
WHITLA STREET
BELFAST BT15 1NH
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR DR. HASTINGS

MR. PETER THOMPSON
CHAIRMAN
EAST BELFAST ENTERPRISE CENTER
308 ALBERTBRIDGE ROAD
BELFAST BT5 4GX
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR MR. THOMPSON

THE RT. HON. THE LORD MAYOR OF BELFAST
COUNCILLOR ERIC SMYTH
CITY HALL
BELFAST BT1 5GS
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR LORD MAYOR

SIR GORDON S.G. BEVERIDGE
VICE CHANCELLOR
QUEENQS UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST
BELFAST BT7 1NN
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR SIR GORDON

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR COUNCILLOR JOHN KERR
DERRY CITY COUNCIL
98 STRAND ROAD
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LONDONDERRY BT48 7NN
COUNTY LONDONDERRY
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR MR. MAYOR

4. LETTERS FROM SENIOR WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL TO:

MR. DAVID BLEVVINGS
CENTER MANAGER
EAST BELFAST ENTERPRISE CENTER
308 ALBERTBRIDGE ROAD
BELFAST BT5 4GX
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR MR. BLEVVINGS

SIR DAVID FELL, CB
HEAD OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL SERVICE
STORMONT CASTLE
BELFAST BT4 3ST
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR SIR DAVID

MR. DAVID J. WATKINS
UNDER SECRETARY
CENTRAL SECRETARIAT
STORMONT CASTLE
BELFAST BT4 3ST
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR MR. WATKINS

MR. JAMES DORNAN
MANAGING DIRECTOR
NORTHERN IRELAND AIRPORTS LTD.
BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
BELFAST BT29 4AB
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR MR. DORNAN

MR. DOUGLAS HEADY
DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER
EUROPA HOTEL
GT. VICTORIA STREET
BELFAST BT2 7AP
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR MR. HEADY

MR. ROY MCNULTY, CBE
PRESIDENT
SHORT BROTHERS PLC
P.O. BOX 241
AIRPORT ROAD
BELFAST BT3 9DZ
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR MR. MCNULTY

5. LETTERS FROM THE FIRST LADY TO:

LADY MAYHEW
STORMONT CASTLE
BELFAST BT4 3ST
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR LADY MAYHEW

SIR W. GEORGE H. QUIGLEY
CHAIRMAN
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47 DONEGALL PLACE
BELFAST BT1 5AU
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR SIR GEORGE

MRS. JOYCE MCCARTAN, MBE
WOMENQS INFORMATION DROP-IN CENTER

115A ORMEAU ROAD
BELFAST BT7 1RG
NORTHERN IRELAND

SALUTATION SHOULD READ: DEAR MRS. MCCARTAN

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SUBJ: POLL SAYS MAJORITY IN IRELAND FAVORS IRA
DECOMMISSIONING, SUPPORTS PM BRUTON

TEXT:

UNCLAS DUBLIN 006128

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: PREL, PHUM, UK, EI

SUBJECT: POLL SAYS MAJORITY IN IRELAND FAVORS IRA
DECOMMISSIONING, SUPPORTS PM BRUTON1. SUMMARY:

ACCORDING TO THE DECEMBER 10 SUNDAY TRIBUNE (DUBLIN), A MAJORITY OF IRISH VOTERS BELIEVES THE IRA SHOULD DECOMMISSION SOME OR ALL OF ITS WEAPONS BEFORE BEING ADMITTED TO ALL-PARTY TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF NORTHERN IRELAND. A MAJORITY ALSO BELIEVES THE CURRENT COALITION GOVERNMENT HAS PERFORMED BETTER THAN EXPECTED SINCE IT TOOK OFFICE ON DECEMBER 15, 1994. THE TAOISEACH, JOHN BRUTON, WAS FOUND TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE VOTERS, WITH 61% SATISFIED WITH HIS PERFORMANCE.
END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO A RECENT POLL, A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY OF IRISH VOTERS BELIEVES THE IRA SHOULD BEGIN DECOMMISSIONING ITS WEAPONS. IN A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY LANSDOWNE MARKET RESEARCH AND COMMISSIONED BY THE SUNDAY TRIBUNE, IRISH VOTERS WERE ASKED IF THEY FELT THAT THE IRA SHOULD DECOMMISSION: ALL OF THEIR ARMS, SOME OF THEIR ARMS OR NONE OF THEIR ARMS BEFORE ALL-PARTY TALKS BEGAN. 45% OF THE VOTERS SAID THE IRA SHOULD DECOMMISSION ALL OF THEIR ARMS, WHILE 31% FELT THEY SHOULD DECOMMISSION SOME OF THEIR ARMS. THE TRIBUNE STATED THAT "THIS FINDING WILL EMBARRASS NOT ONLY SINN FEIN, BUT THE POLITICAL ESTABLISHMENT IN DUBLIN, WHICH HAS TAKEN ISSUE WITH THE BRITISH INSISTENCE

ON THE SO-CALLED WASHINGTON THREE TEST WHICH CALLS FOR SOME DECOMMISSIONING BEFORE TALKS."

3. THE POLL IS ALSO BROKEN DOWN BY POLITICAL PARTY ALLEGIANCE. A SURPRISING FEATURE IS THAT A MAJORITY OF FIANNA FAIL VOTERS, 73%, BELIEVE THAT THE IRA SHOULD HAND OVER ALL OR SOME OF THEIR WEAPONS. THIS ATTITUDE "INDICATES THAT THE PARTY LEADERSHIP MAY BE OUT OF STEP WITH ITS SUPPORTERS, AS BERTIE AHERN HAS AT TIMES COME VERY CLOSE TO SUPPORTING THE SINN FEIN POSITION." OF THE MAJOR PARTIES, LABOR VOTERS TENDED TO BE THE MORE SYMPATHETIC TO THE SINN FEIN POSITION.

4. WHEN ASKED THE QUESTION "HAS THE COALITION GOVERNMENT PERFORMED BETTER OR WORSE THAN YOU EXPECTED?" 55% OF THE ELECTORATE RESPONDED IN THE POSITIVE. ASKED SPECIFICALLY IF THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH JOHN BRUTON'S HANDLING OF THE PEACE PROCESS, 72% SAID THEY WERE. THE TAOISEACH HAS RISEN IN PERSONAL POPULARITY AS WELL. 61% SAID THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH HIS PERFORMANCE COMPARED TO 31% A YEAR AGO. THE TRIBUNE CALLS HIM "THE COMEBACK KID OF IRISH POLITICS."

5. BASED ON THE POLL RESULTS, THE SUNDAY TRIBUNE WRITES, "IT SEEMS THAT THE ELECTORATE IS PREPARED TO FOLLOW PRESIDENT CLINTON'S INJUNCTION TO BACK THE TAOISEACH AS HE TAKES RISKS FOR PEACE- THOSE IN THE DAIL WHO BELIEVE HE IS MAKING TOO MANY CONCESSIONS TO THE BRITISH MAY HAVE TO THINK AGAIN."

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FOR THE 1995 TERRORISM REPORT:

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REPUBLICAN ARMY (PIRA) AND THE COMBINED LOYALIST MILITARY COMMAND
CONTINUED TO HOLD. WHILE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE IRISH NATIONAL
LIBERATION ARMY ARE BEFORE THE COURTS ON CHARGES CONNECTED WIT
THE RECOVERY OF A CACHE OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION ON APRIL 4, 199
THAT ORGANIZATION HAS NOT ENGAGED IN TERRORIST ATTACKS SINCE T
PIRA CEASEFIRE. REPUBLICAN SINN FEIN, A SPLINTER GROUP FORMED
1986, REMAINS OPPOSED TO THE PEACE PROCESS. RESPONSIBILITY FO
TWO LARGE IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES RECOVERED BY THE IRISH
POLICE ON NOVEMBER 10, 1995, HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO ITS MILITA
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LONDON FOR LISA KIERANS
NSC FOR SODERBERG/PETERS

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TAGS: PHUM, PREL, PGOV, UK, EI

SUBJECT: THIRD MURDER IN TWO WEEKS IS WIDELY
ATTRIBUTED TO IRA

REF: BELFAST 0366

1. SUMMARY. LATE DECEMBER 19, CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTON WAS SHOT AND KILLED AS HE PARKED HIS CAR OUTSIDE HIS HOME IN SOUTH BELFASTQS LOWER ORMEAU ROAD. RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS KILLING, LIKE THE DECEMBER 18 MURDER OF FRANCIS COLLINS (REFTEL) HAS BEEN CLAIMED BY A PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN GROUP, "DIRECT ACTION AGAINST DRUGS", WIDELY ASSUMED TO BE A FLAG OF CONVENIENCE FOR THE PROVISIONAL IRA. VARIOUS LOCAL POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE CALLED ON SINN FEIN TO CONDEMN THE KILLINGS, TO THE IRA TO EXPLICITLY ACCEPT OR DENY RESPONSIBILITY, OR FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE THAT THE IRA HAS BEEN BREACHED. JOHNSTONQS DEATH BRINGS THE TOTAL OF SUCH KILLINGS TO FIVE IN CALENDAR 1995, THREE OF WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN LESS THAN A FORTNIGHT. THE MURDERS -- COMING SO SOON AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE "TWIN TRACK" APPROACH AND THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION HEADED BY

FORMER SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL, AND AMIDST LONG STANDING SUSPICION THAT THE IRA CEASEFIRE MIGHT COLLAPSE IN THE NEW YEAR -- HAVE FUELED UNIONIST INSISTENCE THAT THE IRA CEASEFIRE IS MERELY A TACTICAL RUSE AND THAT THERE CAN BE NO TALKS WITH SINN FEIN ON THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF NORTHERN IRELAND UNTIL THE IRA DECOMMISSIONS ITS TERRORIST ARSENAL. END SUMMARY

2. CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTON, A THIRTY-EIGHT YEAR OLD FATHER OF FIVE, WAS SHOT DEAD AS HE PARKED HIS VEHICLE OUTSIDE HIS HOME IN THE LOWER ORMEAU ROAD DISTRICT OF SOUTH BELFAST ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 19. HE DIED SOON AFTER AT THE SCENE. THE MURDER TOOK PLACE JUST AROUND THE CORNER FROM THE LAMPLIGHTER CHIP SHOP WHICH WAS VISITED BY THE FIRST LADY DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO BELFAST LESS THAN THREE WEEKS AGO. JOHNSTON HAD BEEN AWAITING TRIAL IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEIZURE OF CANNABIS WORTH 250,000 POUNDS. HIS MURDER CAME BARELY TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER THE MURDER OF NORTH BELFAST MAN FRANCIS COLLINS (REFTEL) AND WITHIN A FORTNIGHT OF THE DECEMBER 8 KILLING OF PAUL DEVINE. ALL THREE DEATHS, ALONG WITH THE APRIL MURDER OF MICKEY MOONEY, AND THE SEPTEMBER MURDER OF TONY KANE, ARE BELIEVED TO BE IRA "EXECUTIONS" OF ALLEGED DRUG DEALERS.

3. A GROUP CALLING ITSELF "DIRECT ACTION AGAINST DRUGS", HAS CALLED LOCAL RADIO STATIONS CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR KILLING COLLINS AND JOHNSTON. HOWEVER, ONE OF JOHNSTON'S FAMILY CONTACTED THE LOCAL DAILY "IRISH NEWS" TO REFUTE ALLEGATIONS THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE DRUGS TRADE AS "TOTAL RUBBISH." MANY OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA QUESTIONED BY AN "IRISH NEWS" JOURNALIST CLAIMED THAT JOHNSTON HAD NO INVOLVEMENT WITH DRUGS. MOST AGREED HE HAD BEEN KILLED BY THE IRA BECAUSE HE WAS A "SOFT TARGET." MANY RESIDENTS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD -- NORMALLY CONSIDERED TO BE STRONG SUPPORTERS OF THE REPUBLICAN M(OOTORICAL QUESTION: "WHAT CEASEFIRE?"

4. MOST PEOPLE HERE FIND IMPLAUSIBLE ANY SUGGESTION THAT THESE KILLINGS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ANY GROUP INDEPENDENT OF THE IRA. MONSIGNOR DENNIS FAUL INSISTED THAT ANY ARMED ATTACK IN SUCH NEIGHBORHOODS COULD ONLY BE THE WORK OF PARAMILITARIES AND THAT THESE KILLINGS WERE CLEARLY NOT SECTARIAN -- MEANING IT MUST BE THE IRA. THE "BELFAST TELEGRAPH" QUOTED SECURITY SOURCES AS TELLING THEM THAT, WHILE THE CLAIMS OF DIRECT ACTION AGAINST DRUGS WOULD BE FULLY INVESTIGATED, "NO NEW TERRORIST GROUP SUDDENLY EMERGES IN STAUNCHLY NATIONALIST AREAS -- NOT WHILE THE IRA IS VERY MUCH INTACT." MEANWHILE, THE "NEWSLETTER" CLAIMED THAT IT HAD BEEN APPRISED OF A SECOND IRA "DEATH LIST" CONTAINING TWELVE NAMES, ADDITIONAL TO THOSE ON A LIST WHOSE EXISTENCE FAMILIES AGAINST INTIMIDATION AND TERROR (FAIT) REPORTED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

5. SDLP COUNCILOR FOR THE AREA, ALASDAIR MCDONNELL -- ALSO THE JOHNSTON'S FAMILY DOCTOR -- CONDEMNED THE MURDER. HE SAID, "IT IS JUST IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPREHEND OR

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UNDERSTAND IN THE CONTEXT OF PEACE, OF THE GROWING PEACE AND HOPES WE HAVE BUILT UP OVER THE LAST 16 MONTHS." SPEAKING PRIOR TO THE JOHNSTON MURDER, SDLP LEADER JOHN HUME DESCRIBED THE COLLINS KILLING AS "WHOLLY UNACCEPTABLE IN A CIVILIZED SOCIETY." ANOTHER SDLP COUNCILLOR SPEAKING ON A LOCAL RADIO PROGRAM CALLED ON THE IRA TO ACCEPT OR DENY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE KILLINGS, WHICH NATIONALISTS IN BELFAST WERE PRESUMING TO BE THE WORK OF THE IRA.

6. QUESTIONED PRIOR TO JOHNSTON'S KILLING ABOUT THE COLLINS' MURDER, SINN FEIN PRESIDENT GERRY ADAMS TOLD REPORTERS: "ALL THESE KILLINGS ARE A TRAGEDY FOR THE FAMILIES INVOLVED.... I HAVE HEARD A LOT OF SPECULATION ABOUT IT BUT I THINK ... IT UNDERPINS THE NEED FOR DEMOCRATIZATION OF THE SITUATION HERE AND FOR A PROPER AND ACCEPTABLE POLICE FORCE." THIS STATEMENT WAS CONDEMNED IN THE "NEWSLETTER" DECEMBER 20 WHICH ACCUSED ADAMS OF FAILING TO CONDEMN THE KILLING AND OF TOLERATING VIGILANTISM.

7. THE MURDERS HAVE LED TO RENEWED CALLS FOR THE DECOMMISSIONING OF PARAMILITARY ARSENALS. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, SIR PATRICK MAYHEW, TOLD REPORTERS, "THERE CAN BE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR GUNNING DOWN A MAN...; TO DO SO IN THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS GRAPHICALLY ILLUSTRATES THE TOTAL CALLOUSNESS OF THESE VICIOUS GUNMEN." MAYHEW PLEDGED THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE WOULD BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE AND SAID, "THE FACT THAT (THESE KILLINGS) TOOK PLACE ON THE VERY DAY THAT THE INTERNATIONAL BODY CONCLUDED THE FIRST PHASE OF ITS WORK ON THE DECOMMISSIONING ISSUE FURTHER UNDERLINES THE NEED TO REMOVE ILLEGAL WEAPONS FOREVER FROM NORTHERN IRELAND SOCIETY."

8. BOTH OF THE MAIN UNIONIST PARTIES REACTED ANGRILY TO THE KILLINGS AND TO WHAT THEY PERCEIVED AS THE WEAK RESPONSE TO THE MURDERS BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. DUP LEADER IAN PAISLEY CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO FACE UP TO THE REALITY THAT THE IRA CEASEFIRE WAS OVER SAYING, "THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RUC ARE DANCING AROUND THE REALITY THAT THE CEASEFIRE HAS BEEN

BREACHED DEMONSTRATES THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO CON THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND INTO BELIEVING THAT THERE IS A CEASEFIRE WHEN THERE IS NOT. JOHN HUME, ECUMENICAL CHURCH LEADERS, AND OTHERS HAVE TOLD US THAT THE IRA CESSATION WAS TOTAL AND THAT TOTAL MEANT PERMANENT, BUT HOW CAN IT BE PERMANENT WHEN PEOPLE ARE BEING MURDERED ON A NIGHTLY BASIS?"

9. THE UUPQS SECURITY SPOKESMAN, KEN MAGINNIS, SIMILARLY CRITICIZED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE SDLP FOR THEIR FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THE MURDERS AS BREACHES OF THE CEASEFIRE. HE TOLD REPORTERS, "ITQS TIME SOMEONE HAD THE COURAGE TO CHALLENGE GERRY ADAMS AND COMPANY IN RESPECT OF THE DUPLICITOUS AND DISHONEST POSITION HE AND HIS THUGS CLAIM TO HOLD AS CHAMPIONS OF THE NATIONALIST TRADITION."

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SUBJECT: LOYALIST LEADERS SAY LOYALIST CEASEFIRE
STILL ON.

1. SUMMARY: LOYALIST LEADERS CLOSE TO THE

PARAMILITARIES INSISTED MARCH 4 THAT THE LOYALIST CEASEFIRE IS STILL ON, DESPITE A PUBLISHED MARCH 3 WARNING FROM ONE ANONYMOUS DISSIDENT THAT HE INTENDS TO BEGIN TARGETTING REPUBLICANS. THE COMBINED LOYALIST MILITARY COMMAND (CLMC), THE UMBRELLA GROUP REPRESENTING LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES, SAID IT WOULD MAKE THE JUDGMENT ABOUT WHEN IT WAS TIME TO "GO BACK TO WAR." LOYALIST POLITICIANS ATTENDED TALKS AT STORMONT TODAY, AND ARE SAID TO BE TRYING TO IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUALS THREATENING TO BREAK THE CEASEFIRE. END SUMMARY.

2. A HOODED SPOKESMAN, CLAIMING TO REPRESENT DISSIDENTS FROM WITHIN THE LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES, GIVING AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW TO THE WEEKLY "SUNDAY LIFE" NEWSPAPER ON MARCH 3, SAID IF THE IRA WANTED A RETURN TO WAR, "IT WILL NOT BE ONE-SIDED." HE CALLED THE CEASEFIRE A FARCE AND SAID IT WAS TIME TO RESUME KILLING REPUBLICANS. THE SPOKESMAN POSED FOR A PHOTOGRAPH AND HELD AN UZI SUB-MACHINE GUN. THE WARNING CAME AFTER THE REV. ROY MAGEE, A PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER WHO HELPED TO BROKER THE CEASEFIRE, WAS APPROACHED BY SOME

MEMBERS OF THE UVF WHO TOLD HIM THE CEASEFIRE WAS UNDER THREAT. MAGEE SAID HE WAS TOLD THAT THERE WAS "WIDESPREAD CONCERN" WITHIN LOYALIST RANKS.

3. LOYALIST SOURCES SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW WHERE THE BREAKAWAY FACTION CAME FROM, BUT THE CLMC IS ANXIOUS TO STAMP OUT ANY THREAT TO ITS AUTHORITY. SOME OBSERVERS HERE BELIEVE THE BREAKAWAY GROUP MAY HAVE SPRUNG FROM A HARDLINE CAMP OF EXPELLED ULSTER DEFENCE ASSOCIATION (UDA) MEMBERS FROM BELFAST, AND ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE (UVF) MEMBERS FROM PORTADOWN IN COUNTY ARMAGH. A FORMER UDA "BRIGADIER" FROM SOUTH BELFAST IS BELIEVED TO HEAD THE GROUP.

4. GARY MCMICHAEL OF THE ULSTER DEMOCRATIC PARTY SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE GROUP, AND BELIEVED THE THREAT MAY BE A STUNT. "IF IT IS NOT A STUNT, THEN ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED." BILLY HUTCHINSON OF THE PROGRESSIVE UNIONIST PARTY SAID HIS PARTY WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE CLAIMS. "OF COURSE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE UNHAPPY. THE IRA HAS BREACHED THE CEASEFIRE BUT IT IS MY BELIEF THOSE PEOPLE WILL ABIDE BY THE LAWS LAID DOWN BY THE CLMC." THE ULSTER UNIONIST LEADER DAVID TRIMBLE SAID HE WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CLAIMS OF A RETURN TO VIOLENCE BY LOYALISTS. "I HOPE THIS GROUP CAN BE DISSUADED FROM ACTING IN THE WAY THAT THEY THREATENED WHICH WOULD BE QUITE WRONG AND WOULD BE A DISASTER AT THIS STAGE."

5. ALLIANCE PARTY LEADER JOHN ALDERDICE SAID A "RUPTURE" OF THE LOYALIST CEASEFIRE WOULD BE "THE HEIGHT OF IRRESPONSIBILITY." SINN FEIN NORTHERN CHAIRMAN GERRY O'HARA SAID THE LOYALIST WARNING WAS DUBIOUS BUT HE WARNED THE NATIONALIST COMMUNITY TO BE VIGILANT.

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: PROXIMITY TALKS

1. (U) SUMMARY. MEDIA ATTENTION MARCH 4, FOCUSES RATHER PESSIMISTICALLY ON THE PROXIMITY TALKS IN BELFAST, WHICH THE TWO MAIN UNIONIST PARTIES, THE DUP AND THE UUP, WILL REPORTEDLY BOYCOTT. AT THE SAME TIME, THE IRISH TIMES REMARKS THAT THE FACT ANY SORT OF POLITICAL PROCESS AT ALL IS UNDERWAY FOLLOWING THE CANARY WHARF BOMBING, REPRESENTS A "CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL ATTAINMENT." SINN FEIN'S PROTESTS AT NOT BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL ARE RECEIVED WITH LITTLE SYMPATHY. EDITORIALS ALSO HIGHLIGHT THE ALARMING THREAT FROM A SPLINTER LOYALIST GROUP WHO CALLED AN END TO THEIR CEASEFIRE AT THE WEEKEND. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) EDITORIALS FROM BOTH THE IRISH TIMES AND THE IRISH INDEPENDENT ARE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROXIMITY TALKS BEGINNING THIS MORNING (3/4) IN BELFAST. THE INDEPENDENT PREDICTS A ROUGH PERIOD AHEAD WITH INEVITABLE ARGUMENTS AND DISAGREEMENT AND SPECULATES THAT SINN FEIN AND THE IRA WILL DELAY ANNOUNCING A CEASEFIRE "UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE" DUE TO A "VIRTUALLY CERTAIN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT ON THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM." THE INDEPENDENT EDITORIAL WARNS SINN FEIN THAT THEY "CAN EXPECT VERY LITTLE SYMPATHY," AND CHALLENGES ITS LEADERSHIP TO "DIRECT THEIR ATTENTION TO THE HARD MAN" AND TO PROVE TO THE WORLD DISCRIMINATION RINGS "HOLLOW IN THE EXTREME" AND THAT "MANTRA-LIKE PROCLAMATIONS OF ITS ELECTORAL MANDATE EARN

NO SYMPATHY." THE TIMES ADDS, "THE GOVERNMENTS MUST NOT CONCEDE ANY GROUND... UNTIL THE IRA REINSTITUTES ITS CEASEFIRE."

3. (U) BOTH PAPERS UNDERLINE THE HIGH TENSION AND THE THREAT THAT "VIOLENCE HANGS OMINOUSLY IN THE AIR," WITH A HIGH RISK OF SOME IRA/LOYALIST CONFRONTATION "AT ANY TIME" (THE IRISH TIMES). ALAN MURRAY IN THE INDEPENDENT SUGGESTS THE LOYALIST SPLINTER GROUP'S STATEMENT IS MERELY "A PUBLICITY STUNT TO CAUSE THE IRA TO ABANDON ITS TARGETING OF LOYALISTS," BUT WARNS THAT THERE IS "A REAL RISK THAT IT (THE STATEMENT) WILL PROVOKE" LOYALIST VIOLENCE.

4. (U) NOEL LEONARD IN THE IRISH INDEPENDENT SHARES THE PESSIMISTIC TONE OF MOST EDITORIALS, AS HE HIGHLIGHTS OPINION AT WESTMINSTER THAT "THE TRUE PEACE PROCESS FOR THE NORTH HAS NOT YET BEGUN." HE APPRAISES THAT "IT IS INCREASINGLY HARD TO SEE HOW JOHN MAJOR CAN POSTPONE THE GENERAL ELECTION UNTIL SPRING 1997...WITHOUT DOING DEALS...AND HOW ALL-PARTY TALKS COULD BE SUCCESSFUL AGAINST SUCH A BACKGROUND." LEONARD VIEWS MAJOR'S CURRENT POSITION AS "STRONG, PERHAPS UNIQUE...BY ACCIDENT RATHER THAN DESIGN", IN THAT HE IS SECURE IN HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE TORY PARTY AND HAS "NOTHING TO LOSE ANY MORE BY PERSEVERING TO INCLUDE SINN FEIN," AS HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNIONISTS HAS GONE BEYOND REPAIR.

5. (U) THE IRISH INDEPENDENT SPECULATES THAT SINN FEIN IS UNLIKELY TO ATTEND THE MARCH 4 PROXIMITY TALKS AS THEY "CANNOT MEET MINISTERS UNTIL THE IRA RESTORES THE CEASEFIRE." SINN FEIN REFRAINED FROM CONFIRMING WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD HOLD A DEMONSTRATION AT STORMONT, BUT CLAIMED THAT THE PROXIMITY TALKS ARE A COMPLETE "FARCE" AND THAT SINN FEIN'S EXCLUSION FROM THESE TALKS WAS "A SIGNIFICANT

6. (U) ACCORDING TO CHRIS HAGAN OF THE IRISH INDEPENDENT, THE SDLP CONFIRMED THEIR INVITATION TO THE TALKS AND ACCUSED THE UUP AND DUP OF BEING IMMATURE IN THEIR REFUSAL TO ATTEND THE TALKS, VIEWING THEIR ACTION AS "HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF" - SEAMUS MALLON.

7. (U) SOME EDITORIALS ALLEGE THAT THE ULSTER UNIONISTS AND THE DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY INTEND TO BOYCOTT THE TALKS BECAUSE THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WAS ALLOCATED OFFICES AT STORMONT FOR THE DURATION OF THE TALKS. THE UNIONISTS ARE ADAMANT THAT THE PROXIMITY TALKS ARE THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF N.I. AND SHOULD NOT INCLUDE THE IRISH MINISTERS.

8. (U) HAGAN ALSO REPORTS THAT DAVID ADAMS OF THE UDP CONFIRMED HIS PARTY'S ATTENDANCE AT THE TALKS AND CONDEMNED THE DUP AND UUP REFUSAL TO ATTEND. HE OFFERED ASSURANCE THAT THE "CLMC ARE STILL 100 BEHIND THE CEASEFIRE." BILLY HUTCHINSON OF THE PUP ALSO REPORTEDLY CONFIRMED HIS PARTY'S COMPLETE COMMITMENT TO THE PEACE PROCESS. SANDBERG

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SUBJECT: NORTHERN IRELAND "PROXIMITY" TALKS GET UNDER WAY

1. SUMMARY: POLITICAL TALKS AT STORMONT GOT OFF TO A SHAKY START MARCH 4, WITH A NUMBER OF THOSE

INVITED STAYING AWAY. SINN FEIN LEADER GERRY ADAMS ATTEMPTED TO SEIZE THE PUBLICITY INITIATIVE BY APPEARING AT STORMONT WITH A LARGE DELEGATION. HE WAS TURNED AWAY. END SUMMARY.

2. TEN DAYS OF POLITICAL TALKS, JOINTLY HOSTED BY NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY SIR PATRICK MAYHEW AND IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER DICK SPRING, BEGAN AT CASTLE BUILDINGS AT STORMONT WITH THE PROMISE THAT THE JUNE 10 TARGET FOR ALL-PARTY TALKS WOULD BE MET. SOME OF THE UNIONIST PARTIES, NAMELY, THE ULSTER UNIONISTS, THE DEMOCRATIC UNIONISTS AND THE PROGRESSIVE UNIONISTS STAYED AWAY. THOSE ATTENDING WERE, THE ULSTER DEMOCRATIC PARTY, THE SDLP, THE ALLIANCE PARTY AND THE REPUBLICAN WORKER'S PARTY. THE UNIONISTS REFUSED TO ATTEND THE INAUGURAL MEETING BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF DICK SPRING. INSTEAD, THE UUP AND THE DUP WILL MEET SIR PATRICK AT WESTMINISTER MARCH 6. SIR PATRICK MADE LIGHT OF THE FIRST DAY AND COMMENTED, "THIS IS THE FIRST OF TEN DAYS OF INTENSIVE TALKS; I AM SURE IT

IS GOING TO SUCCEED. AFTER LONG YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, I THINK IT WAS AN ENTIRELY PREDICTABLE START." A GROUP CALLING ITSELF "BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE FOR THE UNION" HANDED IN A LETTER WHICH CLAIMED THE INFLUENCE GIVEN TO THE IRISH REPUBLIC WAS GRANTED BECAUSE OF THE RECENT UPSURGE OF IRA VIOLENCE ON THE MAINLAND.

3. THE PROXIMITY TALKS CENTER ON THE QUESTION OF WHAT TYPE OF ELECTION MIGHT BRING POLITICAL PROGRESS TO NORTHERN IRELAND. THEY ARE ALSO DESIGNED TO CONSIDER WHETHER A PEACE REFERENDUM MIGHT BE HELD AND WHAT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD NEED TO BE MADE FOR THE ALL-PARTY TALKS ON JUNE 10.

4. PARTY REACTION AFTER THE FIRST DAY WAS AS FOLLOWS:

ALLIANCE PARTY LEADER JOHN ALDERDICE WAS THE FIRST TO LEAVE STORMONT AFTER THE TALKS. HE SAID HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THE PUBLIC WAS CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON. HE DESCRIBED THE FIRST DAY AS, "FAIRLY FRUSTRATING. IT IS A LITTLE TEDIOUS - WE HAVEN'T GOT BEYOND THE FOREPLAY."

GARY MCMICHAEL OF THE PROGRESSIVE UNIONISTS SAID HE REGRETTED THE OTHER UNIONIST PARTIES WERE NOT THERE. HE ACCUSED THEM OF "PLAYING GAMES." HE SAID HE COULDN'T SEE HOW A CONSENSUS COULD BE REACHED IF ALL PARTIES DID NOT PARTICIPATE.

FOR THE SDLP, PARTY LEADER JOHN HUME SAID THAT DURING THE TALKS HE HAD WITH MINISTERS, HE MADE IT CLEAR HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO MOVE DIRECTLY TO ALL-PARTY TALKS WITHOUT ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE TOLD SIR PATRICK THAT HE WOULD NOT OBJECT IF THE AIM OF ELECTIONS WAS TO APPOINT NEGOTIATING TEAMS. HE SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT ALL PARTIES DID NOT ATTEND AND SAID HE WOULD NOT BE MEETING WITH UNIONISTS IN THE NEXT TEN DAYS EXCEPT AT STORMONT.

5. A LARGE SINN FEIN DELEGATION, HEADED BY GERRY ADAMS, WAS REFUSED ENTRY AFTER ARRIVING AT STORMONT GATES. BOTH DICK SPRING AND THE NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY WERE REPORTEDLY UNSYMPATHETIC. BOTH MADE IT CLEAR SINN FEIN HAD EXCLUDED ITSELF AND WOULD REMAIN EXCLUDED SO LONG AS THE IRA FAILED TO REINSTATE THE CEASEFIRE. MARTIN MCGUINNESS SAID THE FAILURE TO ADMIT SINN FEIN WOULD MAKE IT LESS LIKELY THE CEASEFIRE WOULD BE REINSTATED. GERRY ADAMS SAID IT WAS SAD THAT THE PARTY WHICH HAD DONE SO MUCH FOR THE PEACE PROCESS WAS LOCKED OUT.

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SUBJECT: ACTIVE DEBATE IN IRISH PARLIAMENT OVER TAOISEACH'S
CONVERSATIONS WITH SDLP LEADER JOHN HUME.

1. SUMMARY. TAOISEACH JOHN BRUTON FACED A SESSION OF SHARP QUESTIONING IN THE DAIL ON MARCH 5 OVER HIS ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE SDLP LEADER JOHN HUME TO ABSTAIN IN THE SCOTT REPORT VOTE IN THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST WEEK. THROUGHOUT THE QUESTIONING BRUTON STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO EITHER CONFIRM OR DENY THE ALLEGATION. BRUTON ALSO ENDORSED THE SINN FEIN LOCKOUT WHICH OCCURRED ON MARCH 4 AT STORMONT, AND RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF IRISH GOVERNMENT TALKS WITH THE ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY. END SUMMARY.

SINN FEIN LOCKOUT

2. FIANNA FAIL, THE LARGEST OPPOSITION PARTY, LED OFF BY ASKING A SERIES OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING SINN FEIN ACCESS TO THE PROXIMITY TALKS AT STORMONT. BRUTON CONFIRMED THAT THE GOI WAS INVOLVED IN THE DECISION TO DENY SINN FEIN DELEGATES ACCESS TO WHAT HE CHARACTERIZED AS 'MINISTERIAL LEVEL CONTACTS' AT STORMONT. BRUTON INSISTED THAT THE ONLY CONDITION FOR FULL SINN FEIN PARTICIPATION WAS THE RESUMPTION OF THE IRA CEASEFIRE. BRUTON CONFIRMED THAT THE GOI WAS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN SUB-MINISTERIAL OFFICIAL LEVEL CONTACTS WITH SINN FEIN AND VOICED HIS HOPE THAT A RESUMPTION OF THE IRA CEASEFIRE WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN TIME FOR SINN FEIN TO TAKE PART IN THE CURRENT ROUND OF TALKS, NOW SCHEDULED TO END

ON MARCH 13.
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3. PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRAT PARTY LEADER MARY HARNEY AND FIANNA FAIL'S BERTIE AHERN THEN TURNED TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS FOCUSING ON RUMORS THAT TAOISEACH JOHN BRUTON HAD ATTEMPTED TO INFLUENCE THE SDLP TO ABSTAIN ON THE SCOTT VOTE. BRUTON RESPONDED TO THE QUESTIONS BY INSISTING UPON HIS PREROGATIVE TO CONDUCT CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS ON A WIDE VARIETY OF ISSUES WITH LEADERS OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND. HOWEVER, THIS ARGUMENT FAILED TO PERSUADE THE HOUSE THAT NO UNDUE ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE DOMESTIC POLITICAL DECISIONS IN GREAT BRITAIN SAYING THAT ALL OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH SDLP

LEADER JOHN HUME HAD FOCUSED ON THE OVERRIDING GOAL OF SECURING A FIRM DATE FOR ALL PARTY TALKS. THIS STATEMENT PROMPTED A SPATE OF LARGELY UNINTELLIGIBLE HECKLING FROM THE OPPOSITION BENCHES FCUSED ON THE QUESTION ''DOES THE END JUSTIFY TE MEANS?''

4. MARY HARNEY CONTINUED HER LINE OF QUESTIONING, ASKING WHETHER OR NOT COALITION PARTNER, AND LABOUR PARTY LEADER, TANAISTE DICK SPRING WAS AWARE OF THE CONTENT OF TAOISEACH JOHN BRUTON'S CONVERSATIONS WITH JOHN HUME. BEYOND CONFIRMING THAT HE AND SPRING KEPT ONE ANOTHER INFORMED OF THEIR OFFICIAL CONTACTS, BRUTON WOULD NOT BE DRAWN ON THIS QUESTION. HARNEY THEN WENT ON TO INSIST THAT THE ISSUE OF BRUTON'S CONTACTS WITH JOHN HUME WAS ALREADY IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND THUS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO CONFIDENTIALTY CONSIDERATIONS. BRUTON RESPONDED BY SAYING HAT HIS ACTIONS WERE JUSTIFIED ''IN THE NATIONL INTEREST'' AND ASKING THAT THE ASSEMBLED POLTICIANS JUDGE HIS ACTIONS BASED ON THE RESULTS AHIEVED. BRUTON STATED, IN RESPONSE TO FIANNA FAIL QUESTIONING, THAT BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JOH MAJOR HAD NEVER APPROACHED HIM TO REQUEST HE SUGEST A SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION TO JOHN HUME ORANYONE ELSE.

DAVID TRIMBLE PROPOSES MEETING WTH IRISH GOVERNMENT

5. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM MARY HARNEY, BRUTON INDICATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY LEADER DAVID TRIMBLE SUGGESTING A MEETING WITH COALITION MEMBERS (BRUTON, SPRING, DE ROSSA). NOTE: THE TAOISEACH'S OFFICE CONFIRMED TO US THAT THE GOI INTENDS TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO TRIMBLE'S LETTER BY PROPO SING A MEETING ''AT AN EARLY DATE.''

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SUBJECT: NORTHERN IRELAND "PROXIMITY" TALKS -- DAY TWO.

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1. REPRESENTATIVES OF FRINGE LOYALIST PARTIES, TOGETHER WITH THE SDLP AND ALLIANCE PARTIES MET THE NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY SIR PATRICK MAYHEW MARCH 5 ON DAY TWO OF THE PROXIMITY TALKS. THE MEETING WAS THE FIRST MULTILATERAL SESSION. THE PARTIES EXCHANGED VIEWS ON A FORMAT FOR ELECTIONS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A PEACE REFERENDUM. AFTER THE SESSION, ALLIANCE PARTY CHAIRMAN STEVE MCBRIDE SAID THE MEETING WAS "VERY POSITIVE." HE WAS ENCOURAGED THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM FOUR DIFFERENT PARTIES WERE ABLE TO DISCUSS A WAY AHEAD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND. "WE FOUND A LOT OF COMMON GROUND AND BASIC AGREEMENT ON THE NEED TO MAKE A POLITICAL ADVANCE," HE SAID.

2. OUTSIDE STORMONT, AT ANOTHER MEETING, DUP LEADER IAN PAISLEY CALLED THE PROXIMITY TALKS "A DROP-IN CENTER FOR DROP-OUTS." PAISLEY MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE SDLP AND ALLIANCE PARTIES AS WELL AS THE WORKER'S PARTY AND THE ULSTER INDEPENDENCE

MOVEMENT. AFTER THE TALKS WITH THE DUP, ALLIANCE PARTY CHIEF JOHN ALDERDICE CRITICIZED THE SDLP DEPUTY LEADER SEAMUS MALLON FOR SAYING THAT HIS PARTY WOULD NOT MEET UNIONISTS ELSEWHERE BUT IN STORMONT (REFTEL). HE DESCRIBED THE SDLP STANCE AS "RATHER SILLY." HE SAID IT WAS NOT IMPORTANT WHERE THEY MET AS LONG AS THEY TOOK PART IN "SERIOUS DIALOGUE." THE UUP AND THE DUP ARE BOYCOTTING THE PROXIMITY TALKS BUT ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN LONDON MARCH 6.
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