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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER (K) Fr

SUBJECT: Response to Niall MacAllister

Purpose

Praise MacAllister for his support of the Northern Ireland peace process.

Background

Attached for signature at Tab A is a proposed letter to Niall MacAllister, President of Friendships Without Borders, congratulating him for his work on peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. MacAllister, whom you wrote in 1998, has since focused his attention on developing the economic dimension of the peace process, including through closer ties between Baltimore and the Irish border towns of Newry and Dundalk.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter to Niall MacAllister at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Niall MacAllister

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

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WASHINGTON

October 15, 2000

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I appreciate the invitation to attend your conference in Newry on October 19; I will not be in Ireland then so I must decline your kind offer. Again, thank you for keeping us informed of your activities, and keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Clinton", with a long, sweeping underline.

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NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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# EUROPE



## Hot and sticky in Ireland

DUBLIN

Ireland has a shaky government and a booming economy. Can either last?

**N**OW that Ireland's legislators have taken off for their summer holiday, the government of Bertie Ahern can heave a sigh of relief after a string of scandalous embarrassments that would have toppled many an administration elsewhere in Europe. Just before the three-month recess, it survived a no-confidence vote, thanks to a tiny junior coalition partner, the Progressive Democrats, staying sheepishly loyal.

But its tribulations are not entirely over. The Irish people are still being treated to the tawdry if sometimes sadly comical spectacle of Charles Haughey, a former Taoiseach

(roughly pronounced "tea-shock", as Irish prime ministers are called), being humiliated before an investigative tribunal that is making Mr Ahern's conservative-nationalist Fianna Fail party look distinctly sleazy.

A once irrepressibly chirpy bouncer with a deftly populist touch who ran Ireland in three spells between 1979 and 1992, Mr Haughey has already been castigated for misleading another of several tribunals looking, among other matters, into his finances and into land development in Dublin. And he has been ridiculed by the entire nation for his vanity and high-living shenanigans; in 1991, it turned out, he spent nearly \$22,000 on shirts, hand-made in Paris, courtesy of the public purse. Now 74 and blighted by cancer, he has been allowed by the party-payments tribunal judge, Michael Moriarty, to limit his attendance to only two hours a day. He looks a forlorn figure; he still faces criminal proceedings, and could yet go to prison.

But the bigger question is whether any of the dirt dished on Mr Haughey will stick to Mr Ahern, who was the party's chief whip for much of the time that Mr Haughey was soliciting party contributions from Irish businessmen, many of whom—it transpires—salted their money away, untaxed, in a bank in the Cayman Islands. Mr Ahern, now 48, signed a string of blank cheques on

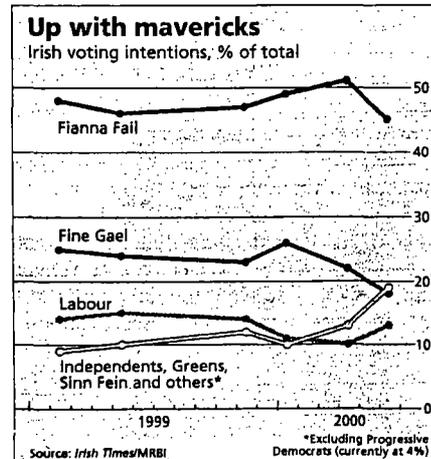
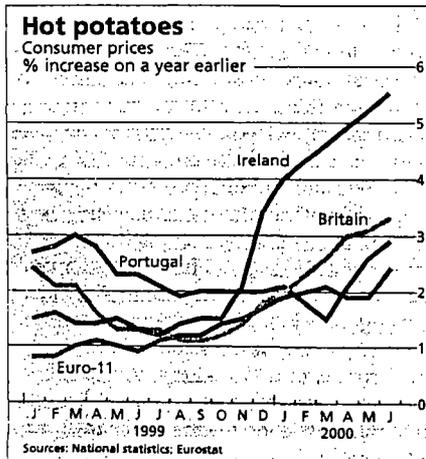
Mr Haughey's and the party's behalf, including some for those shirts.

So far, however, Mr Ahern, who seems eminently to merit his sobriquet of "the Teflon Taoiseach", is soiled but not so badly that he looks like being tipped out of office. The impression is that he was sloppy but not dishonest about accounting for contributions to party coffers. Most of the events under scrutiny took place a decade ago. But the phrase "I can't recall" has fallen embarrassingly often from Mr Ahern's lips.

Unlike Mr Haughey, however, the current prime minister is not a high liver. Mr Ahern is modest sort; another nickname is "the Anorak Man", for his amiably drab taste in fashion. He hails from the old Fianna Fail school of hard-nosed, nationalist-minded, back-scratching political managers. Nobody accuses him of being a visionary, but few insiders think he is in politics for material gain. So he will probably survive the ordeal. In the autumn, he will oversee a generous budget, then perhaps go to the country in the spring.

With the economy booming, Fianna Fail (pronounced "Feena Foil") would very probably win the most seats, but that would by no means guarantee it another stint in office. Thanks to Ireland's complicated system of proportional representation and transferable votes, governments are very likely to be coalitions. Pollsters say that the popularity of the two big parties, Fianna Fail and the main opposition, Fine Gael ("Finna Gale"), which is fairly similar in economics (if a bit more market-minded) but less nationalistic, especially over Northern Ireland, has slumped; the fortunes of the small parties, along with mavericks and independents, has soared. So new combinations could pop up, with or without Fianna Fail still in office.

But if politics has been warming up, the economy has been even hotter. Ireland has been growing at breakneck speed—faster



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than any other country in the EU for each of the past three years: last year, by nearly 10%; the year before, by nearly 9%. The latest guess for this year is 8%. Depending on how you measure it, Irish wealth per person may now be greater than Britain's (see box).

Unemployment, which was 15% in the early 1990s, is under 5%. Labour is in short supply, even though people, reversing an old trend of history, are pouring in from all over the EU, from Central Europe and back from the United States to get jobs. Foreign investors love the high level of Irish skills, especially in computing, and the country's low corporation tax, due to go even lower, to 12.5%, by 2003. Nearly a third of American investment in the EU is said to be going to Ireland, much of it into high-tech companies. The "emerald tiger" is veritably roaring.

The only real worry is inflation. At latest count, it was running at an annualised rate of 5.5%, and could, concedes Mr Ahern, pass 6% this summer. It is already double the EU average, and easily the highest rate in the Union. What to do?

The lever of jerking up interest rates has gone, since Ireland joined the single-currency euro-zone. At a mere 1% of the EU's GDP, the European central bankers in Frankfurt do not lose much sleep over Ireland's heat-up. Mr Ahern's government is loth to cut spending. The country sorely needs to revamp its creaking infrastructure to cope with its new wealth; last year, the Irish bought a quarter more new cars than the year before.

The government is equally reluctant to raise taxes; most of the inflation is coming from food, drink, housing and services. As a dampener, it is trying to fix the price of alcohol, Guinness included. More plausibly, it is trying to pass a law that would loosen the housing market by speeding up planning and building procedures; house prices have been zooming by 20% a year for the past few years. In some Dublin suburbs, they have quintupled in a decade.

In short, the government, which sounded dozily complacent about inflation a few months ago, is nervous—but, in essence, still hoping that the problem will gradually fade away, as competition at home and from across the EU bites and wage pressures ease off. Maybe that will happen; no one, in fact, is sure. More reassuringly, inflation apart, all the other basic economic figures have rarely, if ever, been better.

Ireland's oddity is the mismatch between its astoundingly bright and modern economy, which has left its old rural roots far behind, and the old, village-hall tackiness of its politics (witness Mr Haughey), which harks back to the days when glad hands and scratched backs was how all business, political and otherwise, was done. But if the tribunals now digging up the dirt do their job of naming and shaming, that part of Irish life might well start to change faster too.

## Richer than the Brits?

DUBLIN

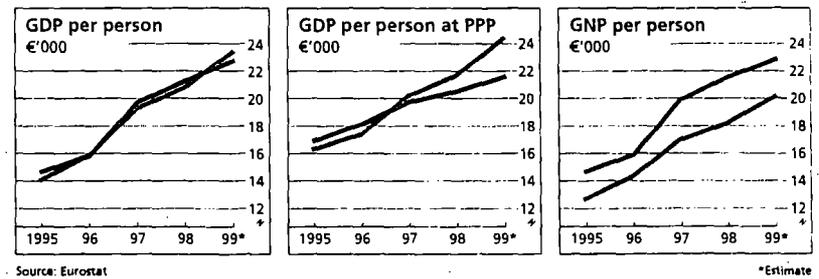
**A**RE the Irish really richer, these days, than the British? A couple of decades ago, even to have asked the question would have seemed ludicrous. The answer, today, depends on your yardstick. If you go by gross national product (GNP), the answer is no—but the gap is closing. If you go by gross domestic product (GDP) per person, the answer is yes, just. And if you go by GDP adjusted for purchasing power (to account for cost-of-living differences), the answer is a still plainer yes. Looking at figures for last year, Eurostat, the EU's statistics-cruncher, puts an Irishman's GDP, unadjusted for purchasing power, at €23,410 (\$24,970) a year versus a Briton's €22,760. Your average EU citizen's is €21,130, to an American's €31,820.

The reason the GDP answer makes an Irishman look richer than a Briton is that it does not cater for income earned abroad, nor does it deduct income paid to foreign creditors. Those tweaks produce GNP. Britain has a lot of foreign earnings; con-

versely, a lot of foreign-owned companies in Ireland declare their earnings there—but send a big chunk of them abroad. Hence Britons, judged by GNP, are probably still about 14% ahead.

However you look at them, the figures dumbfound most Ulster Protestants, for whom it was long an article of faith that people in "the republic" got more on the dole in Britain than they did by staying at home to "dig potatoes". In 1987, Irish incomes, measured by GDP per head, were less than two-thirds of those in Britain. But one thing, these days, is undoubted. People in the south are a lot richer than those in the northern, British, bit of the island. At last glance, Northern Irish GDP per head was a mere 76% of the United Kingdom's. That gap is far wider than can be explained by the bonus which the Republic of Ireland gets from the EU's budget hand-outs, which have lifted GDP, at various annual estimates since Ireland joined the Union in 1973, by between 4% and 7%.

### Who's richer?



## Switzerland

### Less secretive

GENEVA

Swiss magistrates may make their country less of a haven for crooked money

**I**N A country better known for its bankers—and their secrecy—Bernard Bertossa, public prosecutor in the Swiss canton of Geneva, is making a name. One OECD official commends him for prising open "the 50 biggest financial scandals in the world". In her recent book, Eva Joly, the French magistrate investigating the "Elf affair", gave two pages of praise to Mr Bertossa and other magistrates in Geneva.

They too have been looking into the way Elf—a French oil company, state-owned at the time—was used in the shady days of President François Mitterrand to collect and channel slush-money, some of which went (not least to Germany's Christian Demo-

crats) via Switzerland. The Geneva magistrates are also examining allegations of money-laundering by Russian high-ups and businessmen. They are trying to recover public assets which the present rulers of Nigeria, Pakistan and such places say were embezzled by their predecessors. They have frozen bank accounts holding hundreds of millions of dollars, and have forced revealing documents into the open. Nigeria recently got back some \$70m from an account frozen by the Swiss.

On June 30th, Pavlo Lazarenko, a former prime minister of Ukraine, who is detained in the United States on separate charges, was convicted in Geneva of money laundering

ambitions she would like to fulfil in public relations work and stated that although selling the successful BBM title to a larger publishing house would be an option, she would find it very difficult to

let go of the magazine. "It's my baby. I would always like a hand in it. I have other ambitions, but it is also important to relax. Publishing is such a competitive industry it is essential to take time out.

I like to spend time at home in Annalong with my mum and family."

BBM is a publication of an extremely high quality. The organisational and administrative skills required

in making a success of such a venture would be very considerable indeed. It is a remarkable achievement for Judith but as the saying goes 'where the will is strong the difficulties are few.'

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the same direction is difficult."

Armstrong would like to see the government produce a 15 year blue print for the IT sector.

Just as the Asian tiger economies finally imploded under the economic strains imposed by decades of economic growth, however, questions have been raised in recent months about Southern Ireland's ability to sustain it's high tech revolution.

There is a risk, say some commentators, that inflation will choke off growth and turn the boom into a painful bust. Economists point to accelerating costs, rising wages and the strain on Southern Ireland's not yet fully developed transport network.

Manda Rigby, Cisco's UK and Southern Ireland head of marketing, says there are "swings and roundabouts" in evaluating the merits of investing in either the UK or Southern Ireland. Although the Irish Government has a cohesive high-tech strategy, she cites factors such as the cost of living and shortage of skilled labour. "The UK has a large skilled workforce whereas trying to hire people in Ireland is nigh on impossible."

But O Leary dismisses fears of a looming slump in the Irish IT sector as a form of 'blinker pessimism'. He says. "The really big story of the Irish economy is that the leading international companies continue to expand or establish operations here, despite rising costs and growing congestion." He says. "If there is a problem, it is that the country is too attractive a location, not that it's in imminent danger of going down the tubes."



A recent reception for Mary McAleese given by Mayor O'Malley (second left), at Baltimore recently. Included is Niall MacAllister, founder of Friendships Without Borders project.

## Kilcoo man promotes trade fair

**KILCOO man, Dr Niall MacAllister, has been heavily involved in promoting South-Down at the Doing Business in Ireland Trade Fair to be held in Newry on the 19th and 20th October.**

Although now a resident of Baltimore in the U.S.A, Dr MacAllister spends the summer months in Newcastle Co. Down.

This gives him a better opportunity to network with the Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency to help promote South-Down to potential investors from Baltimore who might be interested in taking part in the prestigious trade fair.

Dr MacAllister said. "The recently constituted cross-border trade bodies are now playing a leading role in promoting investment from the USA to Ireland."

Dr MacAllister is the founder of Friendships Without Borders. It is an organisation designed to promote investment, education and reconciliation

in Ireland, especially in areas where there is social disadvantage and residual conflict.

Dr MacAllister has been very successful in developing contacts between Baltimore and South-Down which he hopes will begin to reap benefits at the approaching Doing Business in Ireland Trade Fair.

Among the many supporters of Dr MacAllister's project is the internationally respected economist Steve Hanke of the U.S. The accompanying photo of Dr MacAllister was taken while attending a recent reception for President Mary McAleese given by Mayor O Malley of Baltimore last May. The reception took place at a Baltimore/ Ireland trade fair.

Last June Dr MacAllister and local representative, Colm MacClean, met representatives of Newry and Dundalk cross-border development agencies. Following this meeting, invitations were sent to Mayor O Malley of Baltimore and the business community of the Baltimore region to take part in developing closer cultural

and commercial ties with South-Down and Louth.

These suggestions have had an enthusiastic reception from the Baltimore community and in particular from the Lt. Governor of Maryland, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. In particular the close historic links between Newry and Baltimore due to emigration as a result of the Irish famine are of interest. The escaped Afro-American slave, Frederick Douglass, later President Lincoln's Ambassador, visited Ireland in the 1840s. He described the plight of the famine stricken Irish as 'worse than the Afro-American slave'.

Dr MacAllister said. "It is more difficult to promote investment in the North of Ireland today because it is classified as a 'beggar-nanny economy' which has been in free-fall over many years. However new opportunities will arise with the increasing harmonisation of a broad European economy. This will gradually lead to the development of a more integrated economy between the North and South of Ireland."

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Dear Mr President:

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Greetings. Since our arrival, through the continuing agency of Friendships Without Borders Inc. the NFP project focused in Ireland, north to south, we have been engaged in promoting the first cross-border, all island trade initiative, Newry to Dundalk - the All Ireland Economic imperative, the further pathway to peace - all the people sharing the all Ireland economic resources. Your presence on this occasion, October 19, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2000, Mr President, both communities, recognizing your courageous efforts in initiating the now inevitable course to resolution and conciliation, would obviously be warmly welcomed.

In correspondence with Paul McCormack and Michael Durkin of the Newry, Mourne - Dundalk, Louth inter-community business enterprise since March of 2000 and with the office of the Mayor of Baltimore, since December of 2000, we have pursued the goals of an increased working and cultural relationship, Baltimore to Newry-Dundalk. Following our arrival in Ireland in May, learning of the proposed Newry-Dundalk Trade meeting planned for October, we met with Paul, Michael and Ronan Dennedy of Louth enterprise agency. We felt this was the occasion to extend an invitation to the Mayor of Baltimore, as well as other appropriate administration reps., to maximize the opportunity in education and inward investment represented by the occasion - our web site - [www.fwbinc.org](http://www.fwbinc.org) - our goals, and those, we felt of both communities - Dundalk, Newry - Mourne Louth region, main links on the Belfast, Dublin corridor.

. For Mayor O'Malley, the chance to promote trade between the Baltimore - D.C., business community, back to the Mourne, Louth link on the Dublin Belfast corridor. Also, we have suggested to the Baltimore Administration, the occasion perhaps, to establish a 'Twin City' relationship with both Newry and Dundalk at this time. To make this a 'first' in recent inter-community business relations.

Before leaving Baltimore we had involved Friendships Without Borders with the planned reception for the Jeannie Johnston, to visit Baltimore during the summer months. Our plan, a Baltimore All Ireland Trade Fair, (BAIT) was also presented to President Mary McAleese prior to her visit to the Baltimore-D.C. 'corridor' in May of 2000. As guests of the Irish Ambassador, we were able to greet President Mary McAleese at the reception held by the Mayor of Baltimore on that occasion. The coming Newry-Dundalk Trade Fair, would also seem a most timely and appropriate opportunity, to promote this significant enhancement of the shared economic

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imperative - the economist's final pathway to peace. On arrival in Ireland we attended a meeting of the 'economics committee' at Stormont under Pat Docherty, as guest of Professor John Bradley of ESRI, advisor to the Irish government etc. also promoting this universal economic strategy

Since the timing of the Trade Fair in Newry Dundalk also coincides with the opening of the new AER LINGUS Dublin to Baltimore travel route, Mr President, it would surely be a special opportunity for AER LINGUS to also advertize it's new extended services facilitating the journey from Dublin to Baltimore and vice versa; this, especially in the presence of such a distinguished political gathering.

In the past weeks I am also in receipt of enquiry from the Hopkins International Health Care Systems as to what role they might play in regional health care in this area. Hopkins Health Care has already been established in Asia and, in recent months in England. As a former Director of Surgical Intensive Care at Hopkins, I can vouch for the world class quality services provided by Hopkins - over many years the foremost hospital and health systems organization in the United States. This has now been presented to the Northern Ireland Health dept. representatives, with the assistance of Dr Joe Hendron and Baibre Debrun, the N.I. Minister of Health. In '98, Ms. DeBrun, a speaker in 'The Women's Voice in the Peace Accords', a meeting held at Loyola University organized by Friendships Without Borders in Baltimore, was also given the Freedom of the City by then Mayor Schmoke. We enclose a copy of the Hopkins Health Care prospectus, 2000

We also include copies of the response from the regional 'cross border' agencies, their enthusiastic support of our suggestions, also a copy of our 'newspaper' The Mourne Echo' - from Ireland north to south, this, the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, from Castelwellan, from a lap top computer, the young people's media voice in the struggle for equal opportunity, a vehicle for the wider expression of their concerns - their suggestions - cross border and intercommunity - soon to be on the World Wide Web. We hope you enjoy this further communication resource for the young people of the 'cross border' communities, of some 400,000 people, more than 40% age 25 and under, and one of the most deprived areas in the European community

Please let us know the possibility of your attendance at the meeting in Newry Dundalk, October 19, 20, 2000, Mr President and your thoughts on these developments - the tremendous opportunity presented. We thank you for your support and must express all our dismay on the coming conclusion of your term of office - hopefully to an even more active role - your presence, a record of singular achievement, seeing the world through difficult times with fair and favourable judgement; turning our minds from a prevalent greed, it's adverse impact, to more urgent social concerns. Greetings Mr President to you and your family. Thank you again for your interest and support - would appreciate your comments, Mr President.

Respectfully yours,

  
Niall P. Mac Allister MD

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June 4

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June 4 2000

Dear Mr. President:

Since and before Friendships Without Borders' arrival in Ireland we have been recruiting further funding – promoting our programs on inter-community projects in the cross border regions of Northern Ireland and the Republic – our goals presently being realized in the regular production of a regional newspaper – The Mourne Echo - a 'media voice' for the young generation in this long standing area of conflict and segregation. Now in its third edition and subscribed to by all communities, this publication – of bipartisan authorship, is reaching out with a shared 'voice' to a future of more tolerant exchange – the 'peace process' you initiated - focusing on the more immediate concerns for future generations – on peace and career prospects. Our further goal here is the production of a film, recording the story as they see it – as they live it – again, between communities north and south, from Dundalk to the Mourne region border country. Funding here has been sought from the America-Ireland Fund – response due in the coming weeks.

Our other objectives, beyond the educational process described above, is outlined in our Website - [www.fwbinc.org](http://www.fwbinc.org). The promotion of what we and others associated with our effort feel is the only final, mutually agreeable and eagerly sought 'pathway to peace' – the 'economic imperative' – enhanced inward investment through a synergic economic strategy – the mutual benefits of a 'shared tiger' north to south. In discretely promoting this objective before and since our arrival in Ireland, we have received enthusiastic endorsement, while in the United States, from Professor Steve Hanke of Johns Hopkins, international consultant in economics – from Professor in Brehon Law and the Kings Inns, and international consultant in New York, Richard Harvey – from Professor Bob Rowthorn of Cambridge, distinguished author ( "N.I., the Political Economy of Conflict", with Naomi Wayne). Following arrival in Ireland, from Professors Michael Smyth, of Ulster University, Economics, and from Senior Lecturer in Social Science and Law at Queen's, Mike Tomlinson.

This focus, alternative to the divisive political issues, it is uniformly agreed – discloses the ultimate solution and future 'containment' of the problem. Primarily, a closer analysis of the present or future need for the yearly 'handout', subvention from the U.K., the E.U., the U.S., and indirectly, from the Republic (duplication of public services etc.) John Bradley's 'synergistic strategy' for an 'all island economic resolution' addresses this issue. So too, Steve Hanke's comments published on the proven disparity of the 'free' versus the 'unfree economy' – in Ireland, in this instance, on one island - the NI 'budget deficit' versus the Republic's 'budget surplus'. The ensuing incalculable cost – not alone to the U.K. taxpayer but, again, as Rowthorn wrote, to the E.U., to the U.S. and rarely mentioned, we contend, to the Republic.

These different yet complimentary studies by this brilliant team present a unique opportunity to reinforce this strategy – to empower the objectives for an ‘all island economy’. As Richard Harvey published in the New York Law School Journal of International Law Vol 11 1990 – according to International Law and the mutually signed United Nations decolonizing process – “the resources of the whole island are the inalienable right of all the people of the island’ - whatever political or religious preferences they choose.” Obviously, this agenda will also lead the way to increased job opportunities for the high proportion of young population of the border counties – some 300,000 twenty-five years of age and under – one of the most depressed areas of western Europe, with a recent record of rising suicides. A single economic strategy also enables the ‘all island’ economic entity to decrease its dependency. A ‘beggar-nanny’ economic disaster in the north, subsisting on ‘grant and favor’, could well be replaced by uniform independence, with continued respect for the political voice of the separatist faction. One economic ‘country’ – two ‘systems’ of government.

Increasing financial liabilities of the evolving E.U. as recently commented by Professor Steve Hanke, also persuade more independent economic measures among member states in the face of more intractable problems among the southern and eastern nations seeking future membership.

In Baltimore, in the past months, we presented these ideas to Mayor O’Malley, and with representation from his administration, to the Irish Consul General in New York. Our strategy - a Baltimore All Ireland Trade Fair, to greet the arrival of the Jeanie Johnston. A copy of this strategy was also sent to you, Mr. President – further enhanced in a suggestion of “Jobs for Guns” – as a mode of decommissioning – also cc sent to Senator George Mitchell and to President Mary McAleese, and with continued support from Lt. Governor of Maryland, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. (see enclosed photo of reception for Irish President with Mayor O’Malley and Friendships Without Borders represented).

Your expressions of continued interest and support from the founding of Friendships Without Borders has been deeply appreciated – also now, is critical for continued future funding, enabling us to continue to support the now inevitable resolution of the longest enduring colonial conflict in the Western Hemisphere. We would request the privilege of meeting with you, Mr. President, on the occasion of your visit to Ireland. This would indeed be a further inspiration for our organization and its supporters. As with President McAleese, the personal opportunity is the ultimate confirmation in helping us to achieve our goals, closely shared by FWB.

Finally, as in previous communications, we would like to express our unqualified admiration for what you have achieved in areas of conflict worldwide – what has inspired us and many others, to continue in the years ahead. As said by another Irish hero, a former student at my school in Ireland – the first to die in the Easter Rebellion – “I helped wind the clock – I came to hear it strike!”

Your visit in July of 2000 would be most timely, commemorating American independence – a common ground for both communities. A unique opportunity – an alternative shared celebration to divisive other parades. In northern Ireland and the Republic, sharing the heritage of those who helped Washington – twelve of his generals, forty percent of his army, the founder of his navy – of all religions – helping America achieve its goals, over two hundred and fifty years ago – as the United States and its President has now helped us on the road to achieving our goals. In 1776, as one – again, in 2000. Thank you, Mr. President, for all you have achieved and enabled us to follow.

Respectfully yours,

  
Niall P. Mac Allister, MD President & Founder, FWB, Inc.

FRIENDSHIPS WITHOUT BORDERS, INC.  
Ireland 2000

Please take a moment to explore our web site : [www.fwbinc.org](http://www.fwbinc.org) - Friendships Without Borders, Inc. - a nonprofit program for resolution and conciliation in areas of conflict and social deprivation, achieving its goals, to reunite the divided human family, through the creation of inter-community educational, career and job options - and, through inward investment, to sustain and re-empower the rural communities, to restore pride, trust, self respect for all the people of the whole island - to share equally in its economic benefits - our differences, our richest resource.

Your tax deductible contribution will help us realize these goals - to redistribute the selective largess of our hi-tech automated economy, its Malthusian labor surplus. Funds are also being sought from the America-Ireland fund. Our efforts are presently focused on promoting inward investment, and a quarterly regional newspaper, *The Mourne Echo*, in its second publication - the media voice of the younger generation. Funds for other media expression - through film, etc. are also being sought.

Please give considerable thought to assisting us in realizing our objectives - the shared socioeconomic empowerment, the path to peace - the economic imperative for all the people of the whole human family. Contact us for further information or regarding donations. All comments and contributions will be gratefully accepted.

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Trade Fair, Newry – Dundalk, October, 2000  
Path to peace – path to prosperity.  
Business opportunities U.S.A. to Ireland etc

Recent developments, regional and international, promise a new route to a more equally shared, all-Ireland economic 'tiger' for all. For the coming Newry-Dundalk Trade Fair, October 19, 20, 2K, a wider market potential is sought by some. The recently constituted 'cross border trade bodies' and their agencies, north to south, first opened under the auspices of Northern Ireland Trade Minister, Reg Empey and Irish Trade Minister Mary Harney in January of 2000, is now playing a leading role in promoting a wider participation, a more international theme – from the U.S.A. to Ireland to the E.U., recruiting business and trade development, for all the people of the wider regions involved.

This unique opportunity has been further enhanced in the past months through the recent recruitment of closer ties with the U.S., Baltimore, Maryland to D.C., business communities. Through the agency of the N.F.P. (not for profit) socio-economic empowerment project – Friendships without Borders Inc. (FWB) (web site fwbinc.org), presently sited in Ireland and the U.S. – its program strongly supported, in the U.S. by President Clinton, by the Lt., Governor of Maryland, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend and by economists, Bob Rowthorn of the U.K., Steve Hanke of the U.S. etc. (Regional Director Ireland, Francis Gallagher of Castlewellan – Director of Regional Investment, Mourne Region etc., Colm McClean of Newcastle ). This program (Director in U.S., Baltimore, Niall P. Mac Allister M.D.) has been promoting a Baltimore All Ireland Trade Fair (BAIT) in business strategy since January, 2000.

The accompanying photo of Dr Mac Allister (President of FWB in U.S., was taken while attending a recent reception for President Mary Mc Aleese given by Mayor O'Malley of Baltimore in May of 2000, promoting the Baltimore, All Ireland Trade Market.

In June of 2000, Niall Mac Allister of Baltimore, with Francis Gallagher and Colm McClean, of FWB met, in Newry, with Directors of the Newry, Mourne-Dundalk cross border Agencies. Following this meeting, invitations were sent to Mayor O'Malley of Baltimore and the business community of the Baltimore region, to join in promoting our now shared goals – closer cultural and commercial ties in a 'twin city' relationship with the Newry to Dundalk to Baltimore, D.C. Communities. Promotion of other potential areas of public interest are being explored - i.e., with Aer Lingus, promoting their new direct Dublin to Baltimore flight commencing in September – also, with interests expressed from the Johns Hopkins Health Care systems of Baltimore, a timely international service of equal and available quality care (Hopkins' Hospital systems, first in quality care etc in the United States in the past twelve years).

These activities, suggestions, have had an enthusiastic reception from the Baltimore community, from the Lt. Governor of Maryland, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, enhancing business opportunities and reestablishing a relationship with historic, long standing traditions; through generations, a story leading from tragedy to triumph to opportunities more than equally realized; from the 'famine years' and before; from 'indentured service' to the Irish signatories of the Declaration of Independence, to Barry, founder of the American Navy – to twelve of Washingtons'

generals in the war for Independence to the same number of U.S. President of Irish Heritage – from the poignant letters from the escaped Afro-American slave, Frederick Douglass, later Lincoln's Ambassador – during his journey through Ireland in the 1840s. the horrendous plight of the Irish people - 'worse than the Afro-American slave', he wrote. From this to the triumph of the recent Mitchel and others forums for conciliation.

And to day, a change of economic fortunes, unequally realized, south to north. In the twenty six counties, a 'Celtic Tiger', it's economy more robust than any in the E.U.. This, to an unequal poverty in the northern six counties – a 'beggar-nanny economy' in 'free fall' over seventy years. Yet now, a unique opportunity to be seized - the inevitable path to be realized from a single all island economy - the economic initiative, equally shared north to south – as elsewhere in the E.U. in the best interests of all the people of the whole island. The Newry-Mourne, Dundalk to Baltimore Trade promotion, the case in point. This course, as recently described by Professor John Bradley of E.S.R.I., economics institute, a regionally controlled integrated economy, presently advocated, widely accepted and promoted now, by other economists of international stature; this, the answer for a presently 'unfree economy' versus the free economy - north to south, and east to west. The results, only confirming a future path to shared solvency.

As recently commented in the London Times, 'Northern Ireland, pays a heavy fine, every day for keeping it's distance from the prospering Republic. In the long run, it's destiny can only lie in an economically, united Ireland, if only perhaps, as an autonomous province.' Since 1976, the primacy of international law well supports the conclusion, legal and logical, the economic resources of the whole island are the inalienable right of all the people of the island and their children, north to south. The goal, to celebrate this, at the Trade Fair meeting in Newry, Dundalk in October 2000.

In the more recent words, May 2000, of one of the world's most distinguished economists, Steve Hanke, Professor of Economics at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, present advisor to Argentine, to European, U.S. and other governments in the E.U. 'This is a win win situation! The unified economic all-island strategy. There is no other way – to peace and prosperity, equally for all!'

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