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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERNS REGARDING THE NORTHERN
IRELAND PEACE PROCESS AND URGES THE PRESIDENT
TO REDOUBLE HIS EFFORTS IN THIS CRITICAL
PERIOD TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE TERMS OF THE

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COMMENTS: * GOOD FRIDAY ACCORD'S POWER SHARING
ARRANGEMENT IN CREATING A NEW CABINET LEVEL
EXECUTIVE NOW - URGES FOR A FAIR AGREEMENT
ON THE DRUMCREE ORANGE ORDER MARCH THIS YEAR

cc: chuck Blair
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Congress of the United States

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Washington, DC 20515

May 18, 1999

The President
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Dear Mr. President:

We are once again approaching a critical stage in the Northern Ireland peace process. All of us greatly appreciate the substantial time and effort you have given in an effort to resolve the difficult arms decommissioning issue, which has long been a critical roadblock to progress.

The Good Friday accord is the best road map to resolving this arms impasse. However, the issue has once again created a grave political vacuum in the north, which many of us fear can too readily be filled by the anti-agreement forces. There are some who would want to go backward, not forward, in finding lasting peace and justice in Northern Ireland.

Accordingly, we respectfully urge that you re-double your efforts in this critical period, to fully implement the terms of the Good Friday accord's power sharing arrangement in creating a new cabinet level executive now, as envisioned by this agreement and fully endorsed by the Irish people. Any effort to re-write the Good Friday accord will only lead to more delays and an even greater loss of confidence on all sides in the political process.

In addition, we urge that all involved work to reach a fair and reasonable agreement on the Drumcree Orange Order March this year before it is too late and this becomes a divisive event, igniting the flames of hatred and violence in Northern Ireland.

We stand ready to be of assistance and to provide support in any way we can to make our common goal of lasting peace and justice in Northern Ireland a reality.

With best wishes,

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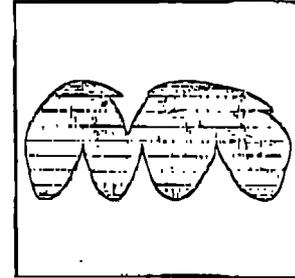
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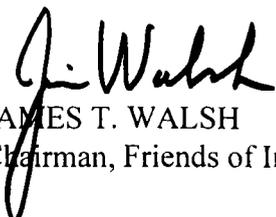
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