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1. SUMMARY: AN INTERVIEW WITH SINN FEIN MEMBER MARTIN MCGUINNESS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE "BELFAST TELEGRAPH" ON SEPTEMBER 28. HE ADDRESSED THE RECENT REMARKS MADE BY HIS PARTY PRESIDENT, GERRY ADAMS, IN THE U.S., WHEN HE SPOKE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW IRA LEADERSHIP IN THE FUTURE. MCGUINNESS EXPLAINED WHY HE BELIEVED THAT THE WORD "PERMANENT" COULD NEVER BE ATTACHED TO THE IRA CEASEFIRE. HE CLAIMED HE WOULD BE "LAUGHED AT" IF HE ASKED THE IRA TO HAND IN ITS WEAPONS WITHOUT A GENERAL DISARMAMENT OF ALL THE PARTIES. HE SUGGESTED A MEETING WITH LOYALIST LEADERS IN ADVANCE OF TALKS BETWEEN SINN FEIN AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. FINALLY, HE INSISTED, THAT WHILE SINN FEINS POLICY WAS A UNITED IRELAND, HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE OTHER PARTIES. END SUMMARY.

2. SINN FEIN PRESIDENT GERRY ADAMS REMARKS, WHEN HE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY THAT ANOTHER IRA LEADERSHIP COULD EMERGE IN THE NEXT "TWO OR THREE YEARS", WAS SIMPLY "STATING THE OBVIOUS", ACCORDING TO MCGUINNESS. HE WARNED THAT MANY IN THE NATIONALIST COMMUNITY BELIEVE THAT SUCH A SITUATION COULD ARISE IF THE "PEACE PROCESS" DOES NOT "GO TO THE HEART OF THE CORE ISSUES WHICH ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE CONFLICT IN IRELAND.." HOWEVER, HE ADDED, "THAT OBVIOUSLY ISNT SOMETHING WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE." AND, HE INSISTED, "..THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE ARE BETTER THAN THEY HAVE EVER BEEN IN THE LAST QUARTER OF A CENTURY."

3. MCGUINNESS REFUSED TO BE DRAWN ON THE ISSUE OF THE

PERMANENCE OF THE IRA CEASEFIRE. HE WOULD NEVER USE THAT WORD, HE SAID, BECAUSE, "VERY LITTLE IN LIFE IS PERMANENT", AND HE ADVISED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO "GIVE UP THE GHOST ON THIS AND ACCEPT THAT ITS TIME TO MOVE ON." THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ALSO HAD TO ACCEPT THAT THE IRA HAVE NOT BEEN DEFEATED AND WOULD NOT SURRENDER, HE SAID.

4. ON THE CONTENTIOUS ISSUE OF THE HANDING IN OF WEAPONRY, MCGUINNESS WAS CLEAR. HE SAID THAT WHILE UNIONISTS WERE ARMED "TO THE TEETH", IN SOME CASES, HE CLAIMED, BY BRITISH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, AND WHILE SOME 30,000 BRITISH SOLDIERS REMAINED TOGETHER WITH THE LOCAL SECURITY FORCES, ALL OF WHOM WERE ARMED, HE WOULD BE "LAUGHED OUT OF THE ROOM", IF HE SUGGESTED TO THE IRA THAT IT DISARM ON ITS OWN. IN ANY EVENT, HE BELIEVED IT WAS "UNREALISTIC FOR PEOPLE TO EXPECT THAT YOU ARE GOING TO GET ONE PARTICULAR GROUPING DISARMING THIS SIDE OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT." MCGUINNESS CALLED UPON THE BRITISH ARMY TO BECOME INVOLVED IN A "STEADY PROGRAM TO DEMILITARIZE THE SITUATION AND LESSEN THE TENSION WHICH IS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY."

5. MCGUINNESS STRESSED THE NEED FOR DIALOGUE AGAIN AND AGAIN DURING THE INTERVIEW. HE SAID HE WAS WILLING TO SPEAK TO JAMES MOLYNEAUX AND IAN PAISLEY AND EVEN MEMBERS OF THE LOYALIST DEATH SQUADS. AND, HE BELIEVED THAT SINN FEIN WOULD MEET JOHN MAJOR AT DOWNING STREET WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR. LOYALISTS MUST ACCEPT THE INEVITABILITY THAT TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN ALL PARTIES, HE SAID. MCGUINNESS SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD "PUSH THE WHOLE PROCESS FORWARD MUCH QUICKER" IF LOYALISTS AND REPUBLICANS WERE TO MEET IN ADVANCE OF REPUBLICANS MEETING THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

6. MCGUINNESS CONFIRMED THAT SINN FEIN PARTY POLICY WAS THE OBJECTIVE OF A UNITED IRELAND, AND THAT THE PARTY WAS SEEKING THROUGH DIALOGUE TO OBTAIN A COMMITMENT FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THAT IT WOULD "DISENGAGE" FROM IRELAND "AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE." ONCE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THAT A UNITED IRELAND WAS THE BEST WAY FORWARD, THEN IT WAS A MATTER FOR ALL PARTIES TO "SIT DOWN AND WORK OUT WHAT TYPE OF STRUCTURES WILL GOVERN THE ISLAND OF IRELAND." SINN FEIN, AS "IRISH REPUBLICANS", WOULD "NATURALLY PUT FORWARD OUR OPINION THAT WE BELIEVE THE BEST SOLUTION IS A UNITED IRELAND, BUT WE WOULD BE THERE IN THE NEGOTIATING ROOM PREPARED TO TALK TO ALL THE OTHER PARTIES IN THIS CONFLICT ABOUT WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE.."

7. UNIONISTS HAVE CRITICIZED MCGUINNESS FOR HIS REMARKS ABOUT IRA WEAPONRY. ULSTER UNIONIST SPOKESMAN KEN MAGINNIS SAID, "FOR THEM TO SAY NO TO PERMANENCY AND NO TO HANDING OVER THE WEAPONS, MEANS THEY ARE SAYING NO TO ACCEPTING THE DEMOCRATIC ROUTE AND THAT ULTIMATELY MEANS THEY ARE CONTENT TO CONTINUE WITH THE VIOLENCE." DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST LEADER REV. IAN PAISLEY DESCRIBED MCGUINNESS'S INTERPRETATION OF ADAMS REMARKS ABOUT THE RE-EMERGENCE OF AN IRA LEADERSHIP AS "NOTHING MORE THAN A THREAT."

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1. SPEAKING FROM CALIFORNIA, SINN FEIN PRESIDENT GERRY ADAMS GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND DAILY, "THE IRISH NEWS", ON OCTOBER 6. THE PAPER REPORTED THAT ADAMS SAID THAT, FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT THERE WOULD BE AMERICAN MONEY COMING TO WEST BELFAST. IT QUOTED HIM AS SAYING THAT IT WAS "MISLEADING" FOR ANY POLITICIAN TO SPEAK OF "BILLIONS OF DOLLARS COMING IN. IT DOES NOT WORK LIKE THAT. WHAT IS REQUIRED IS POLITICAL STABILITY." NEVERTHELESS, HE CONTINUED, THERE WOULD BE AN AMERICAN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE PROPOSED SPRINGVALE DEVELOPMENT, WHICH WOULD STRADDLE THE SO-CALLED "PEACE-LINE" IN WEST BELFAST, "...IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS." ADAMS DENIED THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED AT NOT MEETING PRESIDENT CLINTON. HE SAID, "WE NEVER MADE AN ISSUE OF BEING INVITED TO THE WHITE HOUSE. THAT ISSUE WAS MADE BY THE BRITS ON A SPIN.." THE SINN FEIN PRESIDENT SAID HE CONSIDERED IT "IMPORTANT" THAT ULSTER UNIONIST M.P. KEN MAGINNIS HAD TRAVELLED "ALL THE WAY TO THE UNITED STATES." ADAMS SAID, "HE (MR. MAGINNIS) HAD TO GO HALF WAY ROUND THE WORLD TO TAKE A SMALL STEP AND ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE." AND, HE CONTINUED, "HOW CAN THEY (THE ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY) JUSTIFY NOT DOING THAT BACK IN IRELAND?"

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INEVITABILITY OF RENEWED CONFLICT IF THE PEACE PROCESS FAILS

1. SPEAKING AT A REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE IN DERRY ON THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 8 - 9, , SINN FEINS NORTHERN CHAIRMAN, MITCHEL MCLAUGHLIN, SAID THAT IF THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN PRESENT POLITICAL CONDITIONS THE IRISH PEOPLE WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE THE CONFLICT. MCLAUGHLIN SAID THAT THE CRUCIAL QUESTION WAS WHETHER OR NOT THE BRITISH WOULD "DISENGAGE" FROM IRELAND. HE ALLEGED THAT BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR WAS MOVING SLOWLY WITH REGARD TO THE CEASEFIRE BECAUSE OF INTERNAL DIVISIONS WITHIN HIS PARTY AND THE FACT THAT THE CONSERVATIVES HAD TO DEPEND ON ULSTER UNIONIST VOTES. MCLAUGHLIN PREDICTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD MOVE FORWARD ON THE PEACE PROCESS AFTER THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE THIS WEEK.

2. THE DERRY CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS ORGANIZED BY A REPUBLICAN GROUP KNOWN AS THE "BOBBY SANDS DISCUSSION GROUP," A GROUPING OF FORMER PRISONERS, SINN FEIN MEMBERS AND OTHER REPUBLICANS, WAS BILLED AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE "OPPORTUNITIES AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE PEACE PROCESS." IT HEARD COMPLAINTS FROM SOME DELEGATES ABOUT THE "LACK OF CONSULTATION" (ON THE PEACE PROCESS) BETWEEN THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP AND ITS GRASSROOTS ACTIVISTS. MR. ROBERT MCCLENAGHAN ALLEGED THAT THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP HAD ALLIED ITSELF TO THE FORCES OF WHAT HE CALLED "PARTITIONALIST NATIONALISM,"- A TRADITIONAL ENEMY OF REPUBLICANISM. PARTITIONALIST NATIONALISTS HAD, HE ARGUED, A VERY DIFFERENT VISION AND TIMESCALE OF A UNITED IRELAND FROM REPUBLICANS, AND, HE CONTINUED, MIGHT BE PREPARED TO SETTLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ASSEMBLY AT STORMONT WITH A

"COUNCIL OF IRELAND THROWN IN." IN RESPONSE TO MR.
MCCLLENAGHANS COMPLAINTS, MITCHEL MCLAUGHLIN INSISTED THAT
ADEQUATE COMMUNICATION AND DEBATE DID EXIST WITHIN THE
REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT.

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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE
BOOSTS EU CONTRIBUTION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

1. THE IRISH TIMES REPORTED ON OCTOBER 20 THAT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S (EP) BUDGET COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 18 VOTED TO INCREASE THE EUROPEAN UNION'S (EU) CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND OF IRELAND (IFI) FROM 12 MILLION POUNDS TO 40 MILLION POUNDS.

2. AS IS ALWAYS THE CASE WITH EU BUDGET MATTERS, THE STORY ISN'T ALL THAT SIMPLE. ACCORDING TO ALFREDO DE FEO, THE STAFFER ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EP'S WORK ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET, THE BUDGET COMMITTEE DID AGREE TO AUGMENT THE 15 MILLION ECU (MECU) WHICH THE EU CONTRIBUTES TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND BY 35 MILLION ECU. THIS 35 MECU SUM, HOWEVER, IS NOT/NOT EAR-MARKED FOR THE IFI, BUT IS IN A NEW LINE IN THE BUDGET. DE FEO SAID THIS WOULD NOT PRECLUDE THE MONEY BEING CONTRIBUTED TO THE IFI, BUT WOULD ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO USE THE FUNDS FOR EITHER THE IFI OR "PERHAPS A NEW COMMISSION PROGRAM TO ADVANCE THE PEACE PROCESS IN NORTHERN IRELAND."

3. FURTHER, DE FEO ADDED, THE INCREASE IS EXPLICITLY CONTINGENT ON THE ADOPTION OF A NEW "FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE" FOR THE EU BUDGET. THE FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE ESTABLISHES CEILINGS FOR EU EXPENDITURES IN GENERAL CATEGORIES, INCLUDING AGRICULTURE, STRUCTURAL FUNDS, INTERNAL POLICIES AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE" THE EP WANTS THE MEMBER

STATES TO AGREE TO A NEW PERSPECTIVE TO REFLECT THE INCREASE IN EU RESOURCES STEMMING FROM ENLARGEMENT. IN EFFECT, THE EP IS SAYING IT'S WILLING TO SUPPORT NORTHERN IRELAND, IF THE COUNCIL ACTS ON THE FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE.

4. COMMENT: THE BUDGET COMMITTEE'S ACTION REFLECTS THE EU'S GENUINE INTENTION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE PEACE PROCESS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

5. BUT THE SUBTLETY OF ITS ACTION CAN ONLY BE UNDERSTOOD IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EU BUDGET PROCESS, IN WHICH THERE IS A GENERALLY ADVERSARIAL RELATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL. THE FLIGHT OVER THE INCREASE IN THE FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE IS JUST ONE ASPECT OF THIS -- SEE 93 USEU 14277. FURTHER, THE 1995 BUDGET IS STILL IN ITS FIRST READING, THE STAGE WHICH ENCOURAGES MAXIMALIST NEGOTIATING POSITIONS.

6. NONETHELESS, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT, WHEN THE DUST SETTLES AFTER THE EP'S SECOND READING IN DECEMBER, THERE BE A NOTABLE INCREASES IN THE RESOURCES TARGETTED TO NORTHERN IRELAND, IF NOT NECESSARILY THE INTERNATIONAL FUND. END COMMENT.
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