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January 19, 1995

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ANTHONY LANK   
PATRICK GRIFFIN

SUBJECT:

Letters to Congressmen on Northern Ireland

Purpose

To reply to letters from a number of Congressmen on U.S. efforts to support the peace process in Northern Ireland.

Background

A number of Congressmen have co-signed or written individual letters in recent weeks regarding aspects of our policy on Northern Ireland.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

- Tab A Letters to Representatives Neal et al
- Tab B Incoming correspondence
- Tab C Enclosures to accompany Presidential Letters

cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Richard:

Thank you for writing regarding the peace process in Northern Ireland. I am grateful for your continued support for our efforts to assist the parties involved in advancing the cause of peace and reconciliation in that region.

As you know, there has been progress toward this goal over the past several months. Both the IRA and the Loyalist paramilitaries have announced and implemented cease-fires. In view of Gerry Adams' role in bringing about and maintaining the IRA's historic August 31 cease-fire announcement, we granted him waivers of his ineligibility for visas to permit him to visit the United States in October and again in December. In addition, we lifted our long-standing ban on contacts between U.S. officials and members of the Sinn Fein party; the first meeting occurred on October 4. Anthony Lake met with Mr. Adams in the White House on December 6. The State Department also received a delegation of Loyalists on October 26. State Department and National Security Council officials have met regularly over the past several months with a variety of Unionist officials, including James Molyneaux, the leader of the Ulster Unionist Party.

Our efforts to advance the search for a just and lasting peace also focus on how to promote trade, investment and economic prosperity in Northern Ireland. I have announced several specific initiatives to increase our support for the political and economic revitalization of Northern Ireland, including a White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland scheduled for May 18-19 in Washington; Commerce Secretary Brown's participation as head of the U.S. delegation to Prime Minister Major's Investment Conference for Northern Ireland that was held December 13-14 in Belfast; Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell's appointment as Special Advisor to the President and Secretary of State on Economic Initiatives in Ireland; and seeking Congressional concurrence in an increase in funding for the International Fund for Ireland of an additional \$10 million in both FY96 and 97, for a total of \$30 million each year. These initiatives are designed to advance the peace process in Northern

Ireland. Your support is appreciated and I look forward to continuing to work closely with Congress on this important endeavor.

Again, thank you for your support for advancing peace in Northern Ireland.

Sincerely,

*Bill Clinton*

The Honorable Richard Neal  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

All other letters to the congressmen were autopermed  
and returned to Staff Sec office

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RM:

OK FOR SIGNATURE PER JOHN PODESTA

RETURN ALL LETTER(S) AND ORIGINAL MEMO(S) TO PODESTA'S  
OFFICE.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 20, 1995

Dear Gary:

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Gary L. Ackerman  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

*letters sent to CIA attached list,*

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**The Honorable Sherrod Brown**  
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**The Honorable Robert A. Borski**  
House of Representatives  
2182 Rayburn House Office Building  
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**The Honorable Maurice D. Hinchey**  
House of Representatives  
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2366 Rayburn House Office Building  
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1330 Longworth House Office Building  
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**The Honorable Gerry E. Studds**  
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DUE DATE: 24 JAN 95

COMMENT:

*Jocelyn Argon*  
FOR JOHN W. FICKLIN

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