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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE  
HOWARD PASTER

SUBJECT: Response to Congressman Peter King et al.  
Regarding Northern Ireland Peace Initiative

Purpose

To respond to Congressman King et al. concerning the Northern Ireland peace initiative.

Background

Several Members of Congress signed a letter to you recommending that you support and facilitate the announcement of the peace initiative in Northern Ireland.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the responses at Tab A. Done 11-2-93 JLB

Attachments

- Tab A Responses to Members of Congress
- Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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Vice President  
Chief of Staff

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The Honorable Peter T. King  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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November 2, 1993

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Sincerely, *A.*  
*Rie*

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

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*Peter Clinton* <sup>A</sup>

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House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Hamilton Fish, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Benjamin Gilman  
House of Representatives  
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House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Rick Lazio  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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*Rien*<sup>A</sup>

The Honorable Thomas J. Manton  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Robert Menendez  
House of Representatives  
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*A*  
*R. Clinton*

The Honorable Susan Molinari  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

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The Honorable Jack Quinn  
House of Representatives  
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PETER T. KING

Member of Congress  
Third District, New York

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1203

September 29, 1993

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

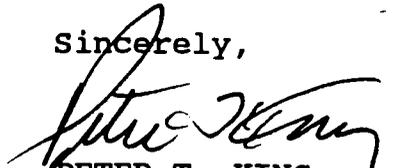
The announcement of a joint initiative in the north of Ireland by Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams and Social Democratic Labor Party leader John Hume is an historic opportunity for peace in that troubled land. It is an opportunity which we cannot allow to slip by.

Enclosed is a statement signed by a number of my colleagues asking that you do everything possible to support and facilitate the peace process by urging the British government to meet with Mr. Hume, Mr. Adams and all other interested parties. If Israel can reach an accord with the Palestine Liberation Organization, there is no reason why the British cannot sit down with Sinn Fein.

Finally, we ask you to honor your promise of April 5, 1992, to grant Mr. Adams a visa to enter this country and explain the details of this historic peace initiative.

Thank you for your interest and concern.

Sincerely,



PETER T. KING  
Member of Congress

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# Congress of the United States

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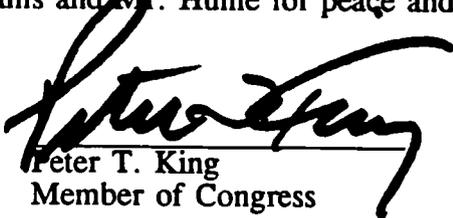
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### Joint Statement By Members of Congress On New Irish Peace Initiative

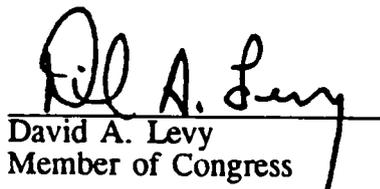
"We are very encouraged by the recent announcement of the joint peace initiative for northeast Ireland by Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams and Social Democratic Labor Party head, John Hume. This effort to seek a new dialogue with the British government represents an outstanding opportunity for a just and lasting peace in that troubled region.

"This initiative can be the first step toward a breakthrough of truly historic proportions, like the recently concluded agreement between the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization. We ask the President of the United States to do everything possible to support and facilitate this process by urging the British government to meet with Mr. Hume, Mr. Adams and all other interested parties to address the Hume-Adams initiative. The political, moral and financial influence of the United States on all parties can nurture this hopeful development into a lasting peace.

"We further urge the President to honor his promise to grant a visa to Mr. Adams, so that the American people can hear the proposals of the Irish nationalist community from Mr. Adams and Mr. Hume for peace and self-determination in northeastern Ireland."

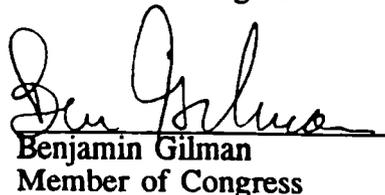
  
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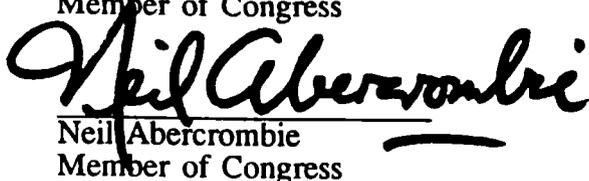
  
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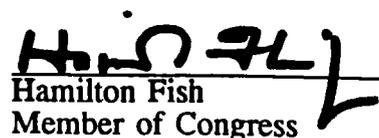
  
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