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THE WHITE

WASHINGTON

March 31, 2000

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *SB*

SUBJECT: Letter to Irish American Unity Conference

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Purpose

Respond to James Gallagher, President of the Irish American Unity Conference.

Background

Mr. Gallagher has followed the peace process closely and is a strong supporter of your efforts on Northern Ireland. Although he was kept up to date through participation in White House outreach conference call briefings and meetings with NSC staff, your response will confirm your appreciation for his support.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the proposed response at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Response to Mr. Gallagher

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 31, 2000

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I share the sentiments expressed in your letter about George Mitchell's contribution to the establishment of the Legislative Assembly and Executive. I hope these institutions can soon be put back to work for the people of Northern Ireland. My discussions with the parties on St. Patrick's Day convince me of the importance of building trust and overcoming the obstacles that remain. I am committed to doing everything I can to help restore the institutions and implement all aspects of the Good Friday Accord.

I am very grateful for the support the Irish American Unity Conference has shown for our efforts to secure a settlement. Your advice to the National Security Council staff is greatly appreciated. In addition, your public forums and seminars have kept Americans abreast of developments and provided useful information on how they can promote the peace process.

Again, thank you for your leadership and support; I value your efforts.

Sincerely,

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*Bill Clinton*

Mr. James J. Gallagher  
National President  
Irish American Unity Conference  
National Press Building, Suite 837  
529 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20045

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MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

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SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 31 MAR 00

SUBJ: LTR TO IRISH AMER UNITY CONF

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DUE DATE: 04 APR 00

COMMENT:

  
FOR

JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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# Irish American Unity Conference

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Honorable William J. Clinton,  
President, United States of America  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

December 28, 1999



Dear President Clinton,

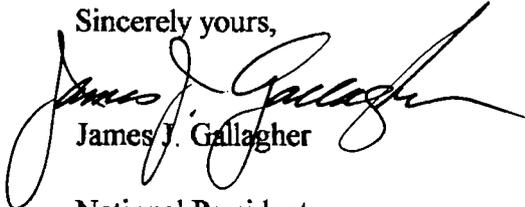
On behalf of the Irish American Unity Conference, please accept our congratulations on the magnificent accomplishment of facilitating the inclusion of the voices of Nationalists in the governing of the six counties. We share your objectives for equality and opportunity for Nationalists in a stable, fully democratic society. Accordingly, we are actively assisting U.S. Congressman Sam Gejdenson in supporting the nomination of George Mitchell, the essential mediator of this miracle, for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Of course, having the Belfast Agreement fully and properly implemented is a challenge, given the largely governmental and Unionist forces of reluctance or opposition. Our priority program is to promote the broadest and largest support for the full implementation of the Agreement, particularly in the U.S. Congress. Please be assured that we vow to closely monitor the implementation process, and, to serve notice of progress, or lack of it, to all governments, news media, etc. when the situations warrant. For example, On December 17 we held briefings with the British and Irish Embassies and the U.S. National Security Council, to provide our assessments and recommendations concerning the expressed objectives, directions, and perceived effectiveness of the "Trust and Confidence Building" related Commissions formed under the Agreement. We discussed the status of the Equality Commission, Criminal Justice Reform Group, Patten Commission Report (Plus) and Emergency (Anti-Terrorism) legislation. Presently, we are preparing an active campaign to require a deadline date for complete demilitarization in the north; May 2000 seems to be the preferred, but still tentative, deadline date. This effort should be activated by mid-January. We are in communication with the National Security Council for purposes of information exchange and cooperation.

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Wishing you, your family and staff a healthy, peaceful and harmonious New Year and new millennium. We pray that, through your extraordinary efforts, that the people of the island of Ireland will also realize peace, justice, equality and opportunity at the beginning of this new millennium.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James J. Gallagher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

James J. Gallagher

National President

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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