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WASHINGTON

November 16, 1994

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
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SUBJECT: Letters to Representatives Manton, Gilman and Fish on Ireland

Purpose

To reply to letters from Representatives Tom Manton, Benjamin Gilman and Hamilton Fish.

Background

Representatives Manton, Gilman and Fish have written to you regarding Gerry Adams and U.S. aid to Ireland. Your response at Tab A details the Administration's contacts with Gerry Adams and other prominent figures in the peace process and outlines the new aid initiatives you announced on November 1.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

- Tab A Letters to Representatives Manton, Gilman and Fish
- Tab B Incoming correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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Dear Tom:

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Again, thank you for your support for our efforts to advance peace in Northern Ireland.

Sincerely,

Tom^A

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

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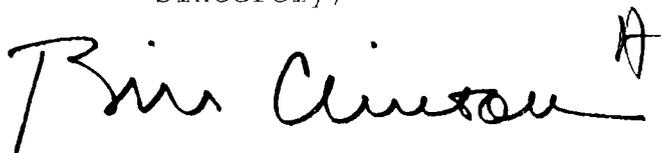
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