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President William Jefferson Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

Thank you for all of the support you have given to the negotiations for a just and lasting peace in Ireland. As you know, right now there is another crisis in the peace process and I would like to share some observations with regard to that situation.

It's a well known fact that David Trimble has done everything to prevent the negotiations from progressing. The venue is now Dublin where Strand Two is supposed to be on the table. This deals with cross-border institutions, the most undesirable phase of the negotiations from the loyalist point of view. Isn't it a coincidence that the UFF's killing campaign occurred at the appropriate time to have them excluded shortly before the talks moved to Dublin? Then the killing of two Protestants occurred at just the right time to have Sinn Fein's exclusion come under serious consideration. Doesn't it seem strange that the IRA would kill two people at the worst possible time from Sinn Fein's point of view, while cross-border institutions were under consideration?

Isn't it strange that Ronnie Flanagan, chief of the discredited RUC assumes the role of objective observer and rules that the IRA was responsible for the killings without any forensic evidence. Isn't it a well established fact that there has been a considerable amount of collusion over a long period of time between the RUC and the Protestant paramilitaries? Haven't "dirty tricks" taken place in the past when major political decisions were being considered? Now another Catholic has been killed. That copper-clads the suspension. Wouldn't it be a coincidence if another Protestant is murdered soon to reinforce the claim that Sinn Fein should be excluded?

We must ask ourselves who stands to benefit if Sinn Fein is excluded? Obviously that fits Trimble's agenda perfectly. This entire scheme is so obvious that it's difficult to believe the British authorities haven't seen through it.

Mr. President, I implore you to intercede with Prime Minister Blair to keep the talks going at all costs. It is the last best chance for a just and lasting peace.

Thank you for considering my views

Sincerely,

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