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June 4, 1998

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Sincerely, **BILL CLINTON**

BC/KMB/RSM/RLM/RLM/RLM/DWB/efr-efr-bws-ddj-ech-ddj-pw
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PRESIDENT TO SIGN



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 22, 1998

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Not personal
enough
Friend

June 1, 1998

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Sincerely,

The best of my
Presidency,

What we have accomplished
in the past 5 years
in Ireland - I would
not have been
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without
you.

and April 28

Your insights,
and tireless
dedication have
brought both
peace and
to you
and the
U.S.

and
courage

I cannot think of another
country with which we have such
a productive and problem-free
relationship

J. Butler

Kennedy Smith Htr
6/1/98
JK

Cleared by Larry Butler, NSC

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

5-19

Jerry -

Kyle

Since you cleared the Jean
Kennedy Smith resignation letter,
another one from her came in.
I suggested combining the 2 into
instead of having POVS sign 2
separate letters. Staff Secretary
said this was fine, but would
like for us to add another sentence
or two on her specific accomplishments
w/ regard to the N. Ireland peace process.
Any suggestions? Thanks,
Rm. 93 X6-5515 Kyle Baker

5-5-98

NOTE OF ~~gratitude~~
CONGRATS ON
IRELAND FROM
JEAN SMITH
Dan Burkhardt
Reuben
NSC
5/6

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

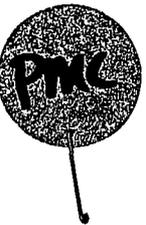
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NOTE FOR: Dan Burkhardt
~~JIM DORSKIND~~
FROM: EXECUTIVE CLERK ^{SW For}
SUBJECT: Resignation Acceptance

Please have an appropriate response prepared -- if necessary in coordination with any appropriate White House Staff, e.g. NSC, Personnel, IGA -- and have typing return the final to our office, Room 5.

Thanks.

5/5/98



Send to Burkhardt for reply?

Yes
No

coord with NSC

5/6
Reuben
DC Sig

Re
Kyle - Dan wanted to reply separately from the resignation acceptance we just did - Thx.

Reuben
5/6

Simons
Smith } Rsg. eff on a date to be determined
Kyle - Bc sig. I assume?
Other one maybe AP?

4/29

Thanks -
Reuben



April 28th

THE PRESIDENT
5-5-98

Jean Kennedy Smith

Ambassador of the United States of America

Dear President Clinton
I tried to reach you by
phone since after the Belfast
agreement but was unable to
get through. So I used the
kindness of Jim to deliver this
note.

I did want to add
my heartfelt congratulations
to you for all your hard
work for peace - during the
last five years. Because I
have been here, I have
seen firsthand how people

have time to know and respect
what you have done and
to love you and hope you do
with regard for it.

I trust you once in the
White House that history
will mark your great contribution
but it is written today in
the faces of the Irish who
are saying "believe in miracles"

My heartfelt
congratulations to you
W. President.

Warm regards,
Jesse

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Date: 5/1/98

To: Butler
NSC Staff Officer

Please review the attached Presidential message/letter and indicate recommendation below:

Concur as is: _____

Concur with changes: (W)

Alternate text attached: _____

Signature: (W)
for Executive Secretary

RETURN FORM AND ATTACHMENTS TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE ROOM 379 OEOB AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Clearance / Draft Request

4/30/98

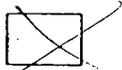
Date Requested

To: NSC / Butler

Letter Name: Jean Kennedy Smith

Subject: resignation as Ambassador

Please review the attached information to provide :



CLEARANCE: See attached draft and incoming letter



DRAFT: See attached incoming letter and advise how to respond

Comments :

From : Kyle Baker

Presidential Letters and Messages. Room 93 OEOb. Fax : 456.2806. Phone: 456.5515

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DRAFT OF BC LETTER

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CORRESPONDENCE #: 3943153

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CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO:

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Dublin
IRELAND, ~~Foreign Country~~

APPROVAL/ENCLOSURES/SPECIAL INSTR:

NSC/Butler 5/5 w/changes

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I have relied on your diplomatic skill and wise counsel on ~~a wide range~~ ^{of} issues of importance both to the United States and to Ireland, and I particularly appreciate all you did to make our visit to Ireland so memorable.

You are a good friend, and for that I am ever grateful. Hillary joins me

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