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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 30, 1994

The Honorable J. Joseph Garrahy

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[001]

Dear Joe:

Thank you for writing to me. I share your optimism about chances for achieving a lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

I welcome the watershed announcement by the IRA of its intention to end the 25-year campaign of violence and pursue the path of peace. While much work remains to be done, the IRA's decision to join the political process can mark the beginning of a new era that holds the promise of peace for all of the people of Northern Ireland. I applaud Prime Minister Reynolds and Prime Minister Major for their persistent efforts to overcome centuries of disagreement, and I am pleased that the United States has been able to contribute to this process of reconciliation.

I am grateful for your support and interest.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely, **BILL**

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- ✓ cc: Staff Secretary
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# Clinton's legislative record ignored by press and public

By **THOMAS E. PATTERSON**

A recent ABC News poll found that 64% of Americans think Bill Clinton has accomplished little or nothing as President. A majority of Americans also believe he has done a poor job of handling the economy.

These perceptions are greatly at odds with reality. Clinton's presidency is the most ambitious since Lyndon Johnson's

and has a substantial policy record, including a budget-deficit reduction plan, NAFTA, the Family Leave Act and the crime bill. Moreover, 4 million new jobs have been added to the economy in the last 18 months, more than were added during the previous six years.

Clinton has a notable legislative record. In 1993, Congress backed Clinton on 88% of the bills on which he had taken a position, a level exceeded only twice in four decades: 1953,

when Congress backed Eisenhower 89% of the time and 1965 when it supported 93% of Johnson's positions. In their

top years, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Bush never reached even the 80% level. Reagan exceeded it once, but otherwise averaged less than 60%.

Although Clinton is said to be lax in keeping his commitments, he has kept or is actively pursuing roughly 80% of his campaign promises, a level that exceeds the 70% average of his five predecessors.

To understand why Clinton receives so little credit for what he has done, we need look no further than the relentless cynicism of the news media. Somewhere in the last decade or so, the press lost much of its capacity for constructive reporting. Journalists today win by making others lose.

The press does not act alone. During the 1992 campaign, Democrats eagerly bol-

stered the press' absurd claim that President Bush had no economic program. Even in the third quarter of 1992, when key indicators showed the economy was rebounding, more than 80% of news references to Bush's handling of the economy were negative in tone.

With Bush's defeat, Republicans got their chance to deliver the barbed one-liners that the press relishes. In conjunction with the media's appetite for scandal, the result has

get flight was won by a single vote, as was the crucial procedural vote in the Senate on the crime bill. NAFTA was rescued from certain defeat by Clinton's deft bargaining.

In domestic politics at least, the antithesis of compromise is not high-mindedness but stalemate, which characterized executive-legislative relations in the decade before Clinton took office. Clinton has yet to cast a veto. Bush vetoed 45 bills. Reagan struck down 78. Carter, the last Democratic

President before Clinton, cast 31 vetoes. The press interprets Clinton's restraint as weakness. It may, in fact, signify a President committed to a process of constructive accommodation.

Journalists like The New York Times' Michael Kelly who suggest Clinton is unprincipled have no appreciation of the Southern reform politics that shaped his style. It is a politics where persistent give-and-take is the key to creating the fragile and, at times, improbable majorities that sometimes win out against powerful and deeply entrenched interests.

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been a presidency awash in bad press.

Roughly 60% of the press' evaluative coverage of Clinton has been unfavorable.

Clinton's style works against him in his dealings with the press. Perhaps the most open of our Presidents, Clinton freely expresses his ideas and actively negotiates at every stage in the policy process. Although the press lauds openness in theory, it punishes it in practice. Any Clinton deviation from an earlier position, however preliminary or conditional, is jumped on as a retreat from principle.

The notion that Clinton backs away from his positions too easily is open to debate. On a number of occasions, he would have lost all by holding out for more. Last year's bud-

The scenario working itself out in Washington is remarkably similar. Instead of their lazy negativism, the media need to work out a more balanced appraisal of the Clinton presidency.

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FORMER GOVERNOR J. JOSEPH GARRAHY

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September 15, 1994

President Bill Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President:

The announcement of a ceasefire by the I.R.A. in Northern Ireland is an important and hopeful step in the pursuit of peace in that country, and one that has evaded world leaders for the past 25 years.

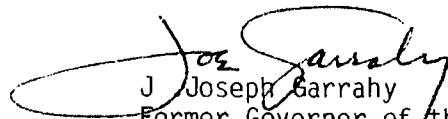
For many peace-seeking Irish-Americans, the trouble in the North between Catholics and Protestants has been an agonizing experience.

Hopefully, this ceasefire will be lasting and lead to a peaceful solution and an end to the bitterness and bloodshed.

Your leadership will be recognized by all peace-loving Americans and those of us of Irish parentage fully recognize your efforts to bring about this result.

I wish you continued success in both your foreign and domestic efforts.

Sincerely,

  
J. Joseph Garrahy  
Former Governor of the  
State of Rhode Island

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