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1. THE FIRST PAYMENTS FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION'S
(EU) "SPECIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR PEACE AND

RECONCILIATION" HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN NORTHERN
IRELAND. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE PROGRAM, FUNDS
TOTALING 250 MILLION POUNDS STERLING WILL BE
DIVIDED BETWEEN NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE BORDER
COUNTIES OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC OVER THE NEXT 2
YEARS. NORTHERN IRELAND IS TO RECEIVE 200 MILLION
POUNDS.

2. THE EU ESTABLISHED GENERAL GUIDELINES ON HOW
THE MONEY IS TO BE SPENT. THE PRIORITIES IT
IDENTIFIED ARE - EMPLOYMENT, URBAN AND RURAL
REGENERATION, SOCIAL INCLUSION, CROSS-BORDER
DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT, PARTNERSHIPS AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE. THE EU ALSO DETERMINED THAT MUCH OF
THE MONEY WAS TO BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH
COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS, AS OPPOSED TO
REGULAR GOVERNMENT CHANNELS, TO ENSURE THAT IT
WOULD GET THROUGH TO THE "GRASSROOTS". 59 PER
CENT OF THE TOTAL WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE

NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE, 23 PER CENT BY EIGHT "INTERMEDIARY FUNDING BODIES" INCLUDING THE NORTHERN IRELAND VOLUNTARY TRUST AND THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL, AND 18 PER CENT BY 26 LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIPS, WHICH WILL COMPRISE THE 26 DISTRICT COUNCILS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS INTERESTS.

3. A MONITORING COMMITTEE WHICH INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EU, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, FARMING, TRADE UNIONS, VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER WILL OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM. REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME LOCAL CHARITIES HAVE VOICED THEIR CONCERN THAT THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY WILL GENERATE ITS OWN PROBLEMS - BOTH IN TERMS OF THE PAPERWORK INVOLVED AND THE FACT THAT MANY OF THE RECIPIENTS HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO MANAGE MONEY AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS EFFECTIVELY. AMONG THE FIRST RECIPIENTS WERE COMMUNITY GROUPS IN BELFAST AND DERRY AND A PRISONER'S AID ORGANIZATION. QUENTIN OLIVER, DIRECTOR OF A CHARITY UMBRELLA GROUP, THE NORTHERN IRELAND COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY ACTION, COMMENTED, "IN MANY CASES, THERE SIMPLY IS NO BALD ECONOMIC MEASURE OF SOMETHING LIKE BUILDING UP A COMMUNITY'S CONFIDENCE BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT ANY LESS VALUABLE."

4. COMMENT: THERE IS WIDESPREAD RELIEF HERE AMONG THE MANY GROUPS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR EU MONEY THAT THE "PEACE FUND", ESTABLISHED AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE DECLARATIONS, IS NOT IN FACT CONTINGENT ON THE CEASE-FIRE BEING RESUMED. THERE IS CONTINUING DEBATE OVER WHETHER THE EU MONEY IS BEING SPREAD TOO WIDELY AND THINLY, AND OVER WHETHER THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, NOTWITHSTANDING ITS CLAIMS TO THE CONTRARY, IS REDUCING ITS OWN SUPPORT FOR AREAS WHICH WILL BENEFIT FROM THE EU FUND.

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NORTHERN IRELAND MEDIA REACTION REPORT
(U.S. INTEREST)
FEBRUARY 6 - MARCH 14, 1996

1. THIS REPORT CONCERNS MEDIA COVERAGE IN NORTHERN IRELAND THAT RELATES TO USG ACTIVITY AND OTHER REPORTS THAT MAY HAVE A BEARING ON NORTHERN IRELAND PUBLIC REACTION TO U.S. THIS IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO DAILY NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS FAX REPORTS.

THE THREE NEWSPAPERS REFERRED TO THROUGHOUT THIS REPORT HOLD DIFFERING EDITORIAL VIEWS. THIS MAY BE REFLECTED IN THE TONE OF THEIR REPORTING: 'NEWS LETTER' - STRONG UNIONIST EDITORIAL POLICY 'IRISH NEWS' - STRONG NATIONALIST EDITORIAL POLICY 'BELFAST TELEGRAPH' - NEUTRAL TO MODERATE UNIONIST EDITORIAL POLICY.

2. MEDIA INTEREST IN USG POLICY AND ACTIONS TOWARDS NORTHERN IRELAND IS CURRENTLY HIGH IN THE RUN UP TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

IN U.S. A BBC DOCUMENTARY ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND IS TO BE SCREENED NEXT WEEK AND MAY GENERATE INCREASED INTEREST.

3. OVERVIEW

FOLLOWING A PERIOD OF POSITIVE COVERAGE THERE HAS BEEN NEGATIVE REACTION IN SOME UNIONIST QUARTERS IN THE WAKE OF THE GRANTING OF A VISA TO GERRY ADAMS. HOWEVER THIS WAS MUTED IN COMPARISON TO PREVIOUS TREATMENTS.

4. BOTH LOCAL TV CHANNELS AIRED EXTENSIVE REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON DC ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 13. THE REPORTS ANALYSED THE VIEWS AND ACTIONS OF THE IRISH COMMUNITY IN AMERICA AND FEATURED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM A WIDE RANGE OF OBSERVERS AND PLAYERS.

THE TONE WAS LARGELY POSITIVE. THE KEY THEMES IDENTIFIED BEING THE DIVERSITY OF OPINION WITHIN THE AMERICAN-IRISH COMMUNITY, THE ROLE OF SCOTS-IRISH WITHIN THAT COMMUNITY, THE WISH TO BE INFORMED, THE DEBUNKING OF NARROW IRISH NATIONALIST STEREOTYPES, THE DESIRE TO BE EVEN HANDED AND GREATER AWARENESS OF ULSTER UNIONIST TRADITION AND VIEWS.

DEPUTY NSA NANCY SODERBERG WAS INTERVIEWED STRESSING USG AND PRESIDENT CLINTON'S COMMITMENT TO "THE LONG HAUL" OF NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS. ALL COMMENTATORS UNDERScoreD THE NEED FOR IRA CEASE-FIRE BEFORE POLITICAL PROGRESS COULD BE FURTHERED.

5. WHITE HOUSE INVITATIONS

NEWS THAT INVITATIONS DESPATCHED FROM WHITE HOUSE TO NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO ATTEND A ST. PATRICK'S PARTY AT THE WHITE HOUSE HAD ARRIVED LATE, OR NOT ARRIVED AT ALL GENERATED MEDIA INTEREST. INITIAL INDICATIONS THAT THE STORY WAS BEING SPUN TO GAIN POLITICAL CAPITAL WERE COUNTERED BY POST AND THE MATTER WAS TREATED WITH SOME FLIPPANCY. THE PUBLIC RESULTS WERE EMBARRASSING IF NOT DAMAGING.

THE BELFAST TELEGRAPH MARCH 14 RAN THE STORY UNDER THE HEADLINE "CONSUL RED-FACED AS CLINTON INVITES GO ASTRAY". THERE WAS COVERAGE OF A PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY INDEPENDENT UNIONIST MP WHICH STATED: "DUE TO LATE DELIVERY OF THE INVITATION IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO RE-ARRANGE MY SCHEDULE
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THE NEWS LETTER NOTED THAT: "THE WHITE HOUSE TOOK THE UNUSUAL STEP OF INCLUDING ALL 17 MEMBERS OF THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY GUEST LIST TO UNDERLINE ITS EVEN HANDED APPROACH TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND ISSUE". MOST OBSERVERS NOTED THAT SINN FEIN LEADER HAD NOT BEEN INCLUDED ON THE INVITATION LIST.

THE NEWS LETTER REPORTED A RESPONSE FROM LOYALIST UDP LEADER GARY MCMICHAEL: "UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCE I HAVE REGRETFULLY DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPRUDENT TO TRAVEL TO THE STATES."

6. BELFAST TELEGRAPH MARCH 13 RAN A PLATFORM ESSAY BY IAN PAISLEY JNR. OF UNIONIST DUP. HE ACCUSED, IN BROAD SWEEPS, THE IRISH COMMUNITY IN U.S. OF UNDERMINING U.S. - BRITISH RELATIONS, OF SUPPLYING AND FUNDING IRA TERROR CAMPAIGN, THEN ACCUSED USG, POLITICIANS AND OFFICIALS OF LOBBYING ON BEHALF OF IRISH NATIONALISTS. CONTINUING IN THAT VEIN HE LAMBASTED EVERYBODY FROM GEORGE MITCHELL TO GARY MCMICHAEL.

7. PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS
RECENT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS ON NORTHERN IRELAND HAVE BEEN WIDELY REPORTED ON. THERE WAS WIDESPREAD COVERAGE OF THE IRISH-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR AWARD. THEY HAVE GENERATED THE FOLLOWING HEADLINES:
'COWARDLY BOMBING' CONDEMNED BY CLINTON - IRISH NEWS
ANGRY CLINTON ROUNDS ON 'COWARDLY IRA' - NEWS LETTER
CEASE THE CAMPAIGN OF TERROR URGES CLINTON - BELFAST TELEGRAPH
CLINTON CALLS ON ALL PARTIES TO BACK TALKS - IRISH NEWS
CLINTON BEGS FOR NEW PEACE DRIVE - SUNDAY LIFE
CLINTON PLEA FOR RENEWED CEASE-FIRE - NEWS LETTER
IRISH 'LOVE OF LIBERTY' EARNS CLINTON PRAISE' ST.
PATRICK'S DAY ADDRESSQ - IRISH NEWS .

8. GERRY ADAMS VISA

NEWS LETTER MARCH 4 RAN A BANNER HEADLINE: "UNIONIST ANGER AT ADAMS VISA" . HOWEVER SIGNIFICANT EVIDENCE OF UNIONIST ANGER WAS SCANT. IAN PAISLEY OF DUP WAS QUOTED: "MR. CLINTON HAS SIGNIFIED A DEFINITE PLUS FOR SINN FEIN/IRA. ENGLISH TORY BACKBENCH MPS ADDED TO THE CRITICISM BUT THERE WAS NO COMMENT FROM ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY AND THE REPORT WAS PADDED OUT WITH A STORMONT TALKS REPORT.

AN IRISH NEWS REPORT FOCUSED ON THE RESPONSE OF "RIGHT WING TORY MPS"

NEITHER REPORT INCLUDED USG PRESS GUIDANCE COMMENTS ON THE ISSUE WHICH WERE NOT MADE AVAILABLE TO POST OR NORTHERN IRELAND MEDIA UNTIL LATER. LOCAL MEDIA TOOK THEIR LEAD FROM A NEWS AGENCY REPORT THAT CONTAINED INACCURACIES.

THE SUBJECT DID NOT RUN FOR LONG. ME NEWS LETTER REPORTED THAT THE UDP WAS LOBBYING CONGRESSMEN TO BLOCK THE VISA, AND THAT U.S. NEWSPAPERS - IN TENNESSEE AND KNOXVILLE - WERE AGAINST THE VISA. THE BELFAST TELEGRAPH REPORTED THAT REPUBLICAN BOB DOLE WAS AGAINST THE GRANTING OF THE VISA AND THAT NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR TONY LAKE HAD DEFENDED THE DECISION SAYING: "SO HE CAN HEAR FROM IRISH AMERICA THAT IRISH AMERICA, LIKE THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND, WANT PEACE IN UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 BELFAST 0079

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THE IRISH NEWS HAD PREVIOUSLY RAN A HEADLINE: "BUCHANAN BACKS ADAMS VISA BID" HOWEVER THE REPORT SUGGESTED THAT RATHER THAN LOBBYING PRO-SINN FEIN, BUCHANAN WAS BROADLY IN SUPPORT OF USG POLICIES AND ACTIONS REGARDING NORTHERN IRELAND.

9. AMBASSADOR KENNEDY-SMITH

NEWS STORIES FROM WASHINGTON AND DUBLIN CONCERNING THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND

DREW SOME EDITORIAL COMMENT. THE IRISH NEWS REPORTED SHE HAD BEEN CENSURED "OVER HER SUPPORT FOR THE GRANTING OF A FIRST AMERICAN VISA FOR GERRY ADAMS", AND IN AN ADJOINING EDITORIAL SHE WAS DESCRIBED AS A "POSITIVE FORCE DURING HER TIME IN IRELAND". A NEWS LETTER EDITORIAL STATED: "SOMETHING MORE THAN A RAP ACROSS THE KNUCKLES WAS REQUIRED AFTER SUCH AN NASTY EPISODE".

10. USG AND NORTHERN IRELAND POLITICS
REFERENCES TO USG AND TO CONTACTS WITH USG REPRESENTATIVES PEPPER POLITICAL REPORTING HOWEVER THE SPECIFICS CONTAIN LITTLE SUBSTANCE. THERE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF UNIONIST PARTY LEADER DAVID TRIMBLE AND SINN FEIN LEADER GERRY ADAMS IN U.S. THE GENERAL TONE HAS BEEN ONE OF GROWING ACCESS FOR UNIONIST DAVID TRIMBLE WITH GERRY ADAMS GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING "ISOLATED".

VM9D IN CANARY
WHARF BOMBING WAS BEING PREPARED LAST NOVEMBER GENERATED WIDESPREAD REPORTS AND HEADLINES REFERRING TO PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT.

THE BELFAST TELEGRAPH WROTE UNDER THE HEADLINE: "BOMB LINKED TO CLINTON VISIT": THE IRA COULD HAVE BEEN PREPARING FOR THE DOCKLANDS BOMBING DURING PRESIDENT CLINTON'S PEACE MISSION TO NORTHERN IRELAND",

12. MIDDLE EAST AND OTHER ISSUES
MOST MAJOR U.S. STORIES ARE COVERED. REPORTS ARE GENERALLY NEWS AGENCY DERIVED AND NOT SUBJECT TO SIGNIFICANT COMMENT.

13. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS STARTING TO GENERATE INTEREST. CURRENT REPORTS ARE GENERALLY NEWS AGENCY DERIVED BUT GREATER INTEREST IS EXPECTED ONCE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE IS CONFIRMED AND CLINTON ENTERS THE FRAY.

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND HAS HEIGHTENED INTEREST, WHILE NEWS LETTER EDITORIAL POLICY IS HIGHLIGHTING WHAT IS SEEN AS A HARDER LINE ON SINN FEIN/IRA SHOULD A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT BE ELECTED: "REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE WHITE HOUSE GENERALLY TAKE A MORE DETACHED, ANGLOPHILE VIEW ON NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE BRITISH LINK
THAN DEMOCRATS WHO VERY OFTEN SUCCUMB TO PRESSURE FROM THE MILITANT IRISH AMERICAN LOBBY TO BOLSTER THEIR ELECTORAL POSITIONS.

14. CHILDREN

THE BELFAST TELEGRAPH PUBLISHED A LETTER BY BRIDGEEN PARK WHICH WAS WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT CLINTON IN THE LEAD UP TO HIS VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND. SHE ASKED THE PRESIDENT TO: "HELP THE POLITICIANS AGREE TO TALK TO UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 04 BELFAST 0079

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EACH OTHER'. BRIDGEEN IS ONE OF THE EIGHT LETTER WRITERS TO GO TO SUMMER CAMP IN THE U.S. THIS SUMMER.

FOLLOWING THE CANARY WHARF BOMBING THE NEWS LETTER REPORTED THAT JANE BELL WHO ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN HAD READ HER LETTER AT STUDENT ORGANISED PEACE VIGIL.

DAVID STERRET AND CATHERINE HAMILL, THE CHILDREN WHO INTRODUCED PRESIDENT CLINTON AT MACKIES IN NOVEMBER CONTINUE TO MAKE THE NEWS. THE NEWS LETTER REPORTED THAT THEY WOULD BE GUESTS OF HILLARY CLINTON AT A PROJECT CHILDREN DINNER. BBC TV COVERED THEM PARTICIPATING IN A ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

16. MISCELLANEOUS

IRISH NEWS REPORTED THAT BUSHMILLS DISTILLERY DENIED CLAIMS THAT THE FACTORY DID NOT EMPLOY CATHOLIC STAFF MADE BY SAN FRANCISCO INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER IN THE LIGHT OF A BOYCOTT ORGANISED IN THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA. SDLP LEADER JOHN HUME WAS REPORTED AS HAVING ISSUED A STATEMENT URGING PEOPLE NOT TO JOIN IN THE BOYCOTT.

17. THE IRISH NEWS REPORTED THAT UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER VICE CHANCELLOR TREVOR SMITH HAD MET WITH HILLARY CLINTON TO LOBBY FOR THE PROPOSED SPRINGVALE CAMPUS IN WEST BELFAST

18. IRISH NEWS REPORTED THAT U.S. INSURANCE COMPANY LIBERTY MUTUAL IS TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN BELFAST.

19 SOCIAL MAGAZINE THE ULSTER TATLER REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON A RECEPTION HELD AT THE CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE BY THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

20. BUSINESS MAGAZINE ENTERPRISE TODAY REPORTED ON PRESIDENT CLINTON'S VISIT TO EAST BELFAST ENTERPRISE PARK IN NOVEMBER. VARIOUS REVIEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT CONTINUE TO APPEAR THROUGHOUT THE MEDIA.

21. IRISH NEWS REPORTED ON WHITE HOUSE INTERNET ACCESS AND DREW ATTENTION TO FIRST CAT SOCKS' HOME PAGE.

22. THE IRISH NEWS REPORTED ON A PROGRAM IN WHICH 24 YOUNG NORTHERN IRELAND MANAGERS VISITED BOSTON AND THE JF KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

23. DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNOUNCED THAT U.S. CONSUL GENERAL KATHLEEN STEPHENS IS TO LEAD THE ST. PATRICK'S GRAND CARNIVAL PARADE.

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1. SUMMARY: THE LEADER OF THE ULSTER UNIONIST

PARTY, DAVID TRIMBLE, SPEAKING AT THE PARTY'S ANNUAL COFERENCE IN THE EUROPA HOTEL IN BELFAST MARCH 23, SAID THE ONLY WAY TO PEACE WAS THE SHUTTING DOWN OF THE IRA. TRIMBLE DELIVERED A BITTER ATTACK BOTH ON IRISH PREMIER JOHN BRUTON AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN HIS ADDRESS, TRIMBLE MOCKED THE RECENT PLEA BY PRIME MINISTER BRUTON TO THE IRA TO END ITS KILLING. "DO YOU REMEMBER THE DESPERATION WITH WHICH JOHN BRUTON PLEADED? PLEASE, PLEASE GIVE US BACK OUR PEACE. TO HEAR HIM, YOU WOULD THINK HE WAS THE LEADER OF A BELEAGURED MINORITY UP AGAINST A MODERN STATE, RATHER THAN THE OTHER WAY AROUND. MR. BRUTON, IF YOU SERIOUSLY WANT PEACE AS YOU SAY YOU DO, THERE IS ONE SIMPLE WAY OF GETTING IT. CLOSE DOWN THE IRA. DO NOT TELL US YOU CAN'T. YOUR PREDECESSORS DID IT THREE TIMES."

3. TRIMBLE ALSO DIRECTED HIS VENOM AT THE BRITISH

AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS. HE ACCUSED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OF "SHIRKING ITS DUTY" IN THE FACE OF "NO PROSPECT OF THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT BECOMING COMMITTED TO EXCLUSIVELY PEACEFUL MEANS." HE URGED THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER TO END THE COMMON TRAVEL AREA. ONCE THE BORDER WITH THE IRISH REPUBLIC WAS CONTROLLED, THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WILL "REALIZE THAT IT CAN NO LONGER EXPORT BOMBS ALONG WITH ITS SOCIAL PROBLEMS TO ENGLAND."

4. TRIMBLE SAID THAT IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REALLY WANTED TO HELP THE PEACE PROCESS IN NORTHERN IRELAND, IT SHOULD CONSIDER SUPPLYING THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WITH THE INTELLIGENCE EQUIPMENT IT LACKED. HE ARGUED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPLIED THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WITH 100 MILLION US DOLLARS WORTH OF ANTI-TERRORIST TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE TO ASSIST THEIR FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM.

5. TRIMBLE CALLED ON ALL PARTIES TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO DECOMMISSIONING AS SOON AS THE JUNE 10 ALL-PARTY TALKS BEGIN. HE SAID IT WAS SINN FEIN/IRA'S LAST CHANCE TO ENTER DEMOCRACY. IF THEY DID NOT TAKE THAT CHANCE, THE OTHER PARTIES SHOULD CONTINUE WITHOUT THEM. THE ALTERNATIVE, HE SAID, WAS APPEASEMENT AND SURRENDER.

6. THE EDITORIAL IN THE PRO-UNIONIST "NEWS LETTER" COMMENTED THAT TRIMBLE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHIDE BOTH THE BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS OVER THEIR "PATHETIC" ATTEMPTS AT WOOING SINN FEIN/IRA TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE BY "COMPROMISING ON THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS." TRIMBLE'S ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND MAY NOT BE MUSIC TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, THE PAPER SAID, BUT IT WAS AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THE WISHES OF THE GREATER NUMBER OF PEOPLE HERE.

7. IN THE MAINLY NATIONALIST IRISH NEWS, THE EDITORIAL ACCUSED TRIMBLE OF "LOSING HIS COOL." THE PAPER SAID THAT HIS SPEECH OF "ASTONISHING PETULANCE" WAS INSULTING TO THE BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. THE IRISH NEWS SUGGESTED TRIMBLE SHOULD ASK HIMSELF WHAT ALL THE TUB-THUMPING HAD ACHIEVED FOR THE IMAGE OF UNIONISM IN THE EYES OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

8. JEFFREY DONALDSON, THE MAN STRONGLY TIPPED TO SUCCEED FORMER PARTY LEADER JAMES MOLYNEAUX AS MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE LAGAN VALLEY CONSTITUENCY, WAS RE-ELECTED HONORARY SECRETARY. THERE WERE THREE OTHER NEWLY-APPOINTED SECRETARIES -- DAVID BREWSTER (SOLICITOR), JIM RODGERS (BELFAST CITY COUNCILOR), AND ARLENE KELLY (SOLICITOR AND PRESIDENT OF THE YOUNG

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