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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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November 18, 1995

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE *AL*  
PATRICK GRIFFIN *PG*

SUBJECT: Letters to Representative Gilman et al. Regarding Northern Ireland

Purpose

To respond to a letter from Representative Gilman et al.

Background

Representative Ben Gilman and forty-one other Representatives wrote expressing concern over the apparent stalemate in the Northern Ireland peace process.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

- Tab A Letters to Representative Gilman et al.
- Tab B Incoming correspondence

cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 21, 1995

Dear Neil:

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Thank you again for your support on this issue of vital concern to both of us.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Neil Abercrombie  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3704

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*Letter to Ellen, attached list.*

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The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney  
House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Bill Martini  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1404

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MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: GILMAN, BENJAMIN A

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 21 NOV 95

SUBJ: LTRS TO REP GILMAN ET AL RE NORTHERN IRELAND

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REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 22 NOV 95

COMMENT:

FOR



JOHN W. FICKLIN

NSC RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE

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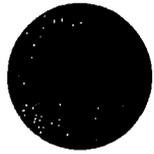
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
September 21, 1995



MEMORANDUM FOR ANDREW SENS

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*  
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL MAIL

Attached are copies of letters sent to the White House from several members of Congress. Since these letters relate to national security issues, I would appreciate your assistance in drafting responses.

- 1) Rep. Edward Markey (D-MA), regarding nuclear relations with France;
- 2) Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R-NY) and others, regarding Ireland

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**Congress of the United States**

**House of Representatives**

**Washington, DC 20515**

**September 19, 1995**

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Just several months ago hopes for a lasting peace in Ireland, north and south, were higher than at any time in the past 75 years. The IRA had declared a ceasefire, the British and Irish governments agreed upon a Framework Document for peace and the way appeared clear for the commencement of all-party talks. This historic progress was due in significant measure to your bold and innovative actions which have bipartisan Congressional support.

Events of recent weeks indicate, however, that the Irish peace process is in serious peril. Indeed, the Irish and British prime ministers had to postpone their scheduled September 6th summit because of the significance of their differences. It would be a terrible tragedy if the Irish peace process was allowed to be derailed after so much progress has been made.

We strongly believe that the only way for the peace process to go forward is for all-party talks to be commenced at the earliest date. There should be no preconditions to these talks. We recognize that each of the governments and all of the political parties have firmly held beliefs. These beliefs, however, should be goals of the peace process, not obstacles to it. The surest way to bring about a permanent end to violence and create a lasting peace is for all parties to meet at the conference table.

Mr. President, it was your leadership which moved the parties forward at previous setbacks in the Irish peace process. Be assured of our continued bipartisan support of your efforts.

Sincerely,

Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman

Rep. David E. Bonior

Rep. Pete King

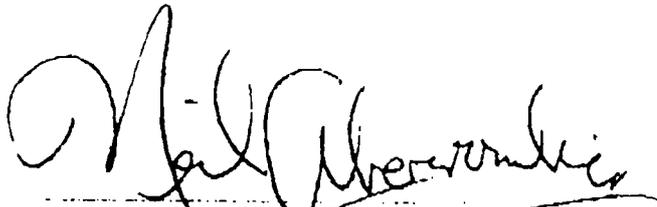
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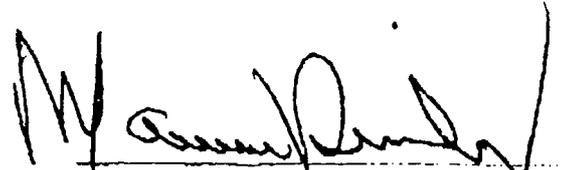
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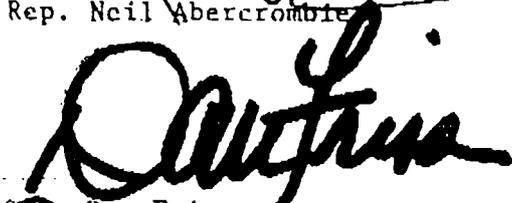
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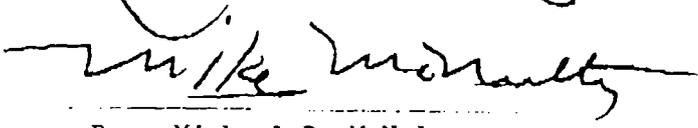
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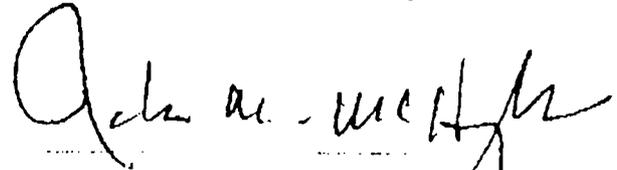
  
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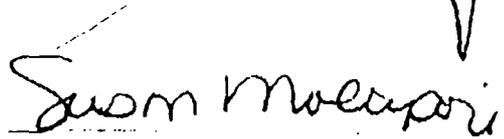
  
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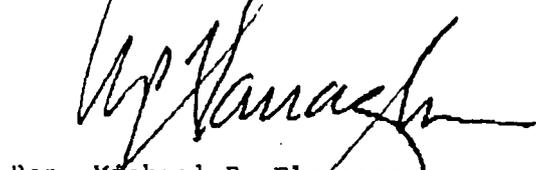
  
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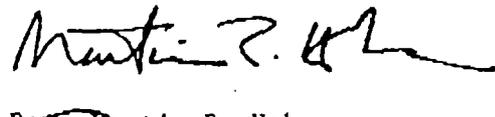
  
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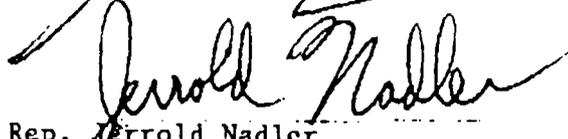
  
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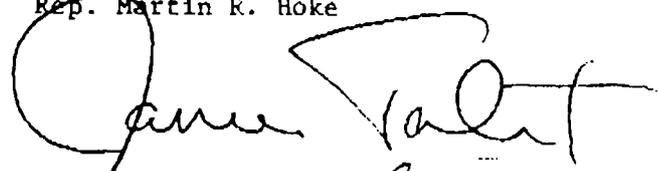
  
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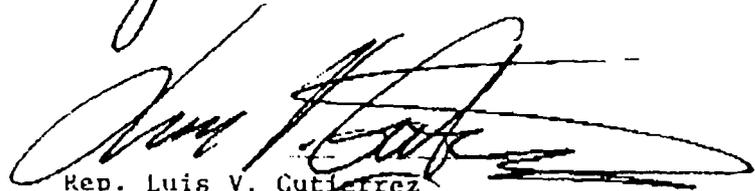
  
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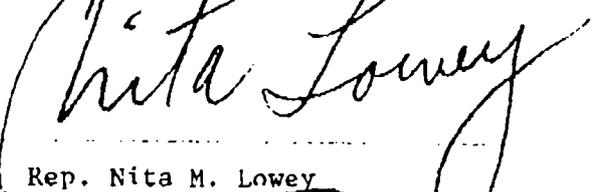
  
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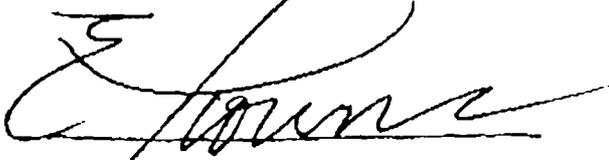
  
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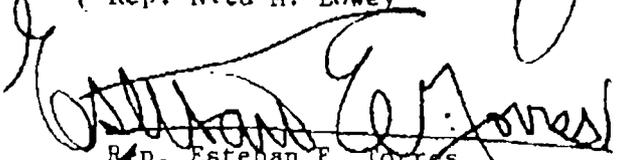
  
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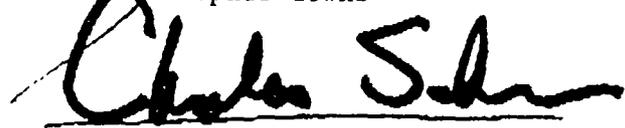
  
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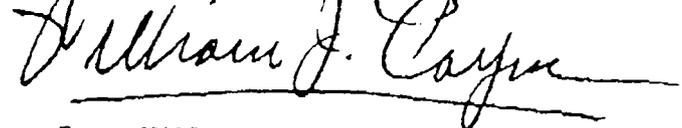
  
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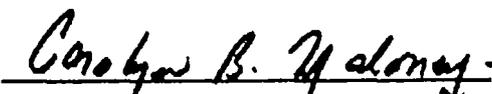
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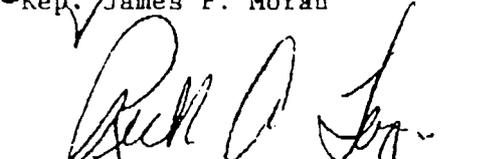
  
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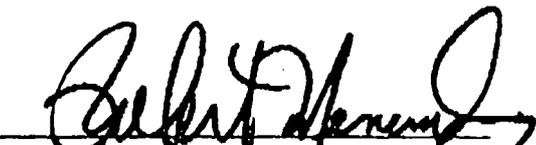
  
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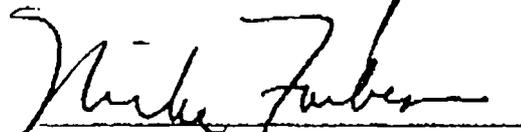
  
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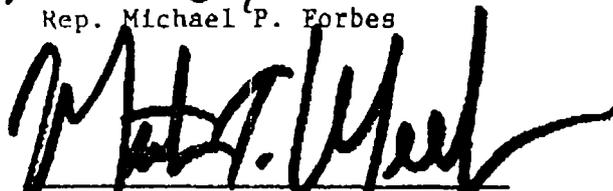
  
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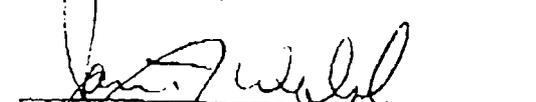
  
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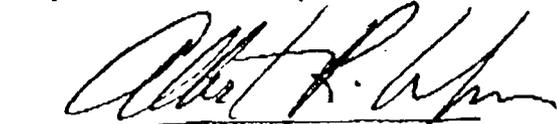
  
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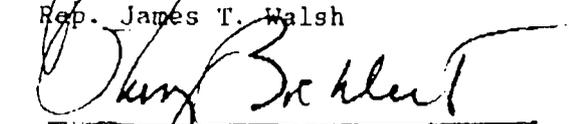
  
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