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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 08, 1999

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ROBERT C. LINNON

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES VIEWS REGARDING THE PEACE TREATY IN  
NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE VIOLATION OF ITS  
TERMS BY OPPONENTS OF THE PEACE AGREEMENT

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REFERRAL

APRIL 13, 1999

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:  
APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 296260

MEDIA: FAX DATED FEBRUARY 23, 1999

TO: PRESIDENT CLINTON

FROM: MR. ROBERT C. LINNON  
NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
IRISH AMERICAN UNITY FOUNDATION  
7 DUNCAN PLACE  
NUTLEY NJ 07110

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES VIEWS REGARDING THE PEACE TREATY IN  
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PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 9907921  
Date: May 11, 1999

FOR: Mr. Glyn T. Davies  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council  
The White House

REFERENCE:

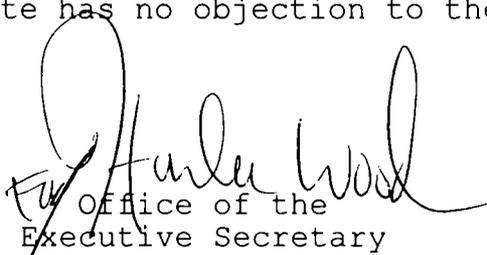
To: POTUS  
From: Robert C. Linnon, Ph.D.  
Date: February 23, 1999  
Subj: Response to letter from Robert Linnon, Ph.D. to POTUS  
regarding Northern Ireland Peace Process  
referral Dated: 03/08/99  
NSCS ID# (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The attached item was sent directly to the Department  
of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

\_\_\_\_\_ A draft reply is attached.  
\_\_\_\_\_ A draft reply will be forwarded.  
\_\_\_\_\_ A translation is attached.  
xx \_\_\_\_\_ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.  
\_\_\_\_\_ We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
cited below.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Department of State has no objection to the  
proposed travel.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

  
Office of the  
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

MAY 11 1999

Robert C. Linnon, Ph.D.  
National President  
Irish American Unity Foundation  
7 Duncan Place  
Nutley, NJ 07110

Dear Mr. Linnon:

I have been asked to respond to your recent letter to President Clinton. I know the President appreciates your kind expressions of gratitude for his efforts on behalf of the peace process in Northern Ireland. He remains fully engaged in the process and has been in close contact with Prime Ministers Blair and Ahern. The President has made clear he will be available to support their efforts in any way he can.

We have also consulted with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) regarding the deportations you mentioned in your letter. Neither Mr. Cassidy nor Mr. McNicholl was covered under the decision made by the Secretary of State and Attorney General in 1997 to suspend deportations of six individuals from Northern Ireland. The circumstances in these two cases are not the same as or related to those of the other six. Indeed, the INS has not instituted renewed proceedings against them; rather the original deportation proceedings are continuing.

Please be assured the Administration continues to believe the Good Friday Agreement represents the best opportunity this century for lasting peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. We are all committed to supporting the implementation of the Agreement in every way possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. I. Gadsden".

James I. Gadsden  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for European Affairs

Letter to Irish American Unity Foundation

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# IRISH AMERICAN UNITY FOUNDATION

7 DUNCAN PLACE, NUTLEY, NJ 07110  
PHONE: 973-661-1235 FAX 973-235-1195

February 23, 1999

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500  
Via Fax: 202-456-2461

Dear President Clinton:

Once again I want to thank you for all you have done to make the Peace Agreement in the north of Ireland a reality. I also want to thank you for speaking out against the intransigence of the Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble regarding his demand that the Sinn Fein /IRA decommission at least some of their weapons before being permitted to participate in the new Northern Ireland government. This is the same ploy that was used after the Downing Street Declaration that led to the breakdown of the August '94 cease-fire. It is also akin to the Ulster Workers strike that led to the downfall of the Sunningdale agreement.

The pathetic aspect of this whole scenario is that as long as the opponents of the Peace Agreement are allowed to violate its terms the more they are encouraged to do so. General DeChastelain has the responsibility to work out the details on decommissioning and should be allowed to do so. Trimble should stick to the other aspects of the Agreement. After all, Sinn Fein's constituents have as much right to be represented in the new government as any one else.

The frightening specter is that dissidents from both the loyalist and the republican paramilitaries are becoming more determined to take matters into their own hands. If the decommissioning issue is not resolved soon there is a strong possibility that violence will escalate to the point where the cease-fire will breakdown. That seems to be exactly what some of the opponents are attempting to accomplish.

Mr. President, the primary responsibility in this matter lies with Prime Minister Blair. The UK is the government that claims jurisdiction over the six counties of Ulster. He is the one who should take charge here. I strongly believe that if the shoe were on the other foot he would be adamant about Sinn Fein's compliance. It appears that if you don't remain resolute there is no chance that Mr. Blair will have the courage and determination to stand up to those determined to bring down the agreement. Even Prime Minister Ahearn seems to be weakening. Please Mr. President, don't relent. Your determination can be contagious. No one has the right to abrogate that covenant.

On another matter it appears that the INS has violated the spirit of the statement Janet Reno made on September 9, 1997 when she suspended deportation proceedings against several targets of political deportation. Now, two deportees are faced with renewed proceedings against them, Noel Cassidy and John McNicholl. Mr. President, what end does this serve? There has been a long time supposition that the deportees were political pawns. If so, why deport them now especially when the IRA is adhering to its cease-fire? Please urge Attorney General Reno to reconsider this ill-advised decision and withhold any deportations for the present. Prisoners are now being released in Northern Ireland so why deport these men to face charges which will amount to nothing virtually overnight?

*Robert C. Linnon*

Robert C. Linnon, Ph.D.  
National President

cc: Mr. Larry Butler

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*direct*  
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