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The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. President:

I write to first thank you for your support and encouragement in the peace process in Northern Ireland. Your policies and position have been a major significance in securing peace and your up coming visit I believe will have a contributing factor to insure a lasting peace in this part of Ireland.

I wish to ask that you please consider my request to travel to Ireland with your party on this historic visit. I had the honor of ~~being invited~~ and attending your inauguration in Washington, D.C. I worked with Attorney Jack Palladino of San Francisco on your Presidential Campaign and I look forward to working with your campaign in the up coming election.

My interest in Ireland is personal in that I was born in Ballinamore County Leitrim which is six (6) miles from County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland. My father and brother still live there. I was educated in Ireland and moved to Arkansas when I was 27 years old in 1982 to work at Bensky Furs in Little Rock. In 1989 I became a U.S. citizen in Little Rock, Arkansas. While I was attending your inauguration in Washington I visited with Bruce Morrison and the then Mayor of Boston, Roy Flynn, on Irish issues. I have many relatives living in Northern Ireland with an aunt and uncle living at present on Antrim Road, Belfast.

It would be the greatest thrill of my lifetime to travel with your party to Ireland. I am proud of being an American and an Arkansan as my son and wife were born in this great state. Part of my heart remains attached to Ireland due to my birth, up bringing, and family ties.

It is my earnest wish that you will read this letter Mr. President and give my request favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



Patrick Travers

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