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WASHINGTON

December 8, 1995

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

SUBJECT: Letters to American Union Leaders

Purpose

To respond to letters from American union leaders.

Background

A number of AFL-CIO-affiliate leaders wrote to you before your trip requesting that you put pressure on Prime Minister Major to call all-party peace talks in Northern Ireland. Our proposed replies (Tab A) describe the launch of the two-track approach and the impetus to the peace process provided by your trip.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

- Tab A Letters to Union leaders
- Tab B Incoming correspondence

cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

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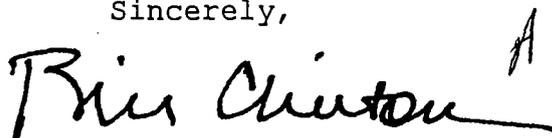
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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DATE: 13 DEC 95

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

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SOURCE: PRESIDENT  
DATE: 13 DEC 95  
SUBJ: PRES RESPONSE RE THE NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS

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REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 14 DEC 95

COMMENT:

FOR

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JOHN W. FICKLIN

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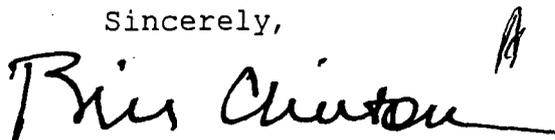
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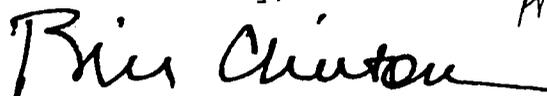
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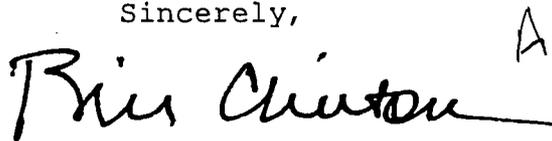
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RM:

OK FOR SIGNATURE PER TODD STERN

RETURN ALL LETTER(S) AND ORIGINAL MEMO(S) TO STERN'S  
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