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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 1, 1995

Dear Dr. Sykes:

Thank you for letting me know of your concerns regarding my Administration's policy towards Sinn Fein. Having recently returned from Oklahoma City where I viewed first hand the tremendous destruction wrought by that bomb and listened to the stories of its many innocent victims, I found your letter to be another profound reminder that the scourge of terrorism, including that perpetrated by the IRA and loyalist paramilitaries, must be ended forever.

In the case of Northern Ireland, I have determined that the best thing the United States can do to end the bloodshed there is to support the efforts of the British and Irish governments to bring about a lasting peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. That effort includes reaching out to those who are taking steps to bring peace to Northern Ireland. Toward that end, in January 1994, the Attorney General waived Gerry Adams' ineligibility to enter the United States after he declared his desire to see "an end to all violence and an end to this conflict." I believe our decision to grant this waiver led, in part, to Sinn Fein's decision to end its 25-year campaign of violence and pursue the path of peace.

Mr. Adams has visited the United States three times since the announcement of the ceasefire and, on each occasion, we have sought to use his visits to encourage further progress toward a lasting peace in Northern Ireland. In that context, and in view of Mr. Adams' positive March 8 statement affirming Sinn Fein's readiness to engage in a serious discussion of arms decommissioning with the British government, I decided to permit Mr. Adams to raise funds in the United States during his most recent trip. These funds will be fully transparent and audited to ensure that they are used only for legitimate political activity.

I am confident that this step, along with our efforts to reach out to other Northern Ireland leaders who are taking risks for peace, will encourage further progress. It was in that context that Northern Ireland political leaders, including Mr. Adams,

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were invited to attend a St. Patrick's Day reception at the White House. We made clear to leaders from both the republican and loyalist sides that the peace process will be furthered by the prompt opening of a serious dialogue on arms decommissioning. This point was emphasized not only in National Security Advisor Anthony Lake's meeting with Mr. Adams on March 14 but also in my St. Patrick's Day remarks, a text of which is enclosed.

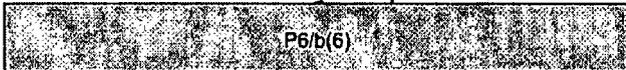
I am committed to doing everything within my power to put an end to the horrific and cowardly terrorist violence that has taken the lives of innocent human beings, especially Americans such as your husband, the passengers on Pan Am Flight 103 and, most recently, the scores of Oklahomans in the the Murrah Office Building. This is why I submitted to Congress in January the Omnibus Counterterrorism Act which will greatly increase federal jurisdiction, strengthen the hand of law enforcement and make it more difficult for terrorists to come to or stay in the United States. This is why I have asked the Attorney General, Director of the FBI and my National Security Advisor to develop recommendations for further steps to combat terrorism. And that is why my Administration is working with all parties who have made a commitment to peace to promote a lasting peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

Again, thank you for your letter and for expressing to me directly your concerns. Please be assured that the steps I have taken are designed to prevent the horrors of terrorism such as you and your family have endured.

Sincerely,

*B. Clinton*

Karen Salvesen Sykes, M.D.



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