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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BENJAMIN GILMAN

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT THE CURRENT STALEMATE  
IN THE PEACE PROCESS IN NORTHERN IRELAND  
COULD CAUSE IT TO COLLAPSE

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**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20515

November 16, 1995

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

Dear Mr. President:

We the undersigned leaders of the bi-partisan Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs, and the Friends of Ireland in the House of Representatives, are greatly concerned that the current stalemate in the peace process in Northern Ireland could cause it to collapse.

After 15 months of a cease-fire that has been honored on all sides, there still have not been the all-party talks that are so essential to developing a lasting peace.

As long-time supporters of peace and justice in Northern Ireland, we are concerned, as is Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, that this singular opportunity for peace may be slipping away.

We strongly support your efforts to advance the peace process in Northern Ireland, and believe that your forthcoming trip to the United Kingdom may represent a final opportunity to motivate the stalled peace process before it is lost altogether.

In order to avert failure, and any renewed violence that this could entail, we believe it is necessary that the British government arrange a specific date for all-party talks, without any preconditions.

We urge you, on a bi-partisan basis, to use the best efforts of your office to bring this about, and we support whatever efforts may be necessary to persuade the British government to set and announce a date for all-party talks, including, if necessary, your appointment of a U.S. envoy for peace.

Setting a specified date now for these talks will help to ensure that the next Christmas in Northern Ireland will see not only a continuation of the cease-fire, but the beginning of a permanent peace for the region for future holiday seasons as well.

Please feel free to call upon us for any assistance we can provide to help make a date for all-party talks a reality.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



**BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**  
Co-Chair  
Ad Hoc Committee for Irish Affairs



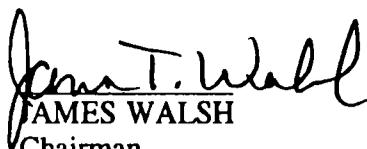
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