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1. IN A JULY 15 STATEMENT TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS (FULL TEXT FAXED TO EUR/UBI, NSC AND DUBLIN), NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY SIR PATRICK MAYHEW CALLED THE RECENT VIOLENCE IN THE PROVINCE "THE WORST SETBACK FOR MANY YEARS" AND A "RETURN TO WHAT MANY PEOPLE IN NORTHERN IRELAND, AND FAR BEYOND, HAD PRAYED WAS OVER FOR GOOD." HE SAID THE INCIDENTS PRIOR TO AND AFTER THE ORANGE PARADE THROUGH DRUMCREE MADE THE PEACE TALKS NOW UNDERWAY "MORE IMPERATIVE THAN EVER" AND CALLED ON ALL PARTIES TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE. MAYHEW REAFFIRMED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE TALKS AND ANNOUNCED HE AND THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE CONSULTING WITH ALL PARTY LEADERS IN THE COMING DAYS.

2. ALTHOUGH MAYHEW RECOGNIZED THAT MANY IN THE NATIONALIST COMMUNITY ARE "BITTERLY CRITICAL" OF THE CHIEF CONSTABLE'S DECISION TO PERMIT THE MARCH, MAYHEW REITERATED THE GOVERNMENT'S "FULL SUPPORT" FOR THE HIS HANDLING OF EVENTS AT DRUMCREE. HE DEPLORED THE EFFORT OF ONE COMMUNITY TO IMPOSE ITS WILL ON THE OTHER BY SHEER WEIGHT OF FORCE, BUT SAID THE REVERSAL WAS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY. MAYHEW CONFIRMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR HANDLING MARCHES IN THE FUTURE. THE CHAIRMAN OF THAT REVIEW AND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

3. MAYHEW ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL BE MEETING WITH IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER DICK SPRING IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS "MUTUAL SECURITY

INTERESTS." MAYHEW MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT BELIEVES RECENT CRITICISM FROM DUBLIN HAS BEEN "QUITE UNJUSTIFIED AND UNWARRANTED" AND THAT HE INTENDS TO USE THE MEETING TO REBUT ANY SUGGESTION OF POLITICAL INTERFERENCE IN RUC OPERATIONAL DECISIONS.

4. MAYHEW ALSO COMMENDED THE LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES FOR MAINTAINING THEIR CEASEFIRE. HE TERMED ITS CONTINUATION TO BE OF "CRITICAL IMPORTANCE." HE LAUDED THE CHURCH LEADERS' EFFORTS TO FIND A COMPROMISE ON THE GARVACHY ROAD STALEMATE EVEN IF "SADLY" THEY DID NOT ACHIEVE SUCCESS. MAYHEW ALSO CALLED ON POLITICAL LEADERS IN NORTHERN IRELAND TO BE "OBJECTIVE AND FAIR" IN THE COMING DAYS AND TO AVOID PARTISANSHIP.

5. PARLIAMENTARY REACTION TO MAYHEW'S STATEMENT WAS MIXED. LABOUR SHADOW SPOKESPERSON MO MOWLAM, WHILE REAFFIRMING HER PARTY'S BIPARTISAN APPROACH, DISTANCED LABOUR FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF RECENT EVENTS. SHE CALLED ON MAYHEW TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR HAVING FAILED TO CREATE A POLITICAL FRAMEWORK WHICH WOULD HAVE AVOIDED SUCH DIFFICULTIES. OTHERS, INCLUDING LIBERAL DEMOCRAT MP SIR DAVID STEELE, TOOK DIRECT AIM AT DAVID TRIMBLE, URGING THAT MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE "WHO MAKE THE LAWS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM" HAVE A SPECIAL OBLIGATION TO ABIDE BY THEM. TRIMBLE, FOR HIS PART, MADE A DIGNIFIED CALL FOR ALL PARTIES TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD A SETTLEMENT IN THE TALKS. HE COULD NOT, HOWEVER, RESIST TAKING A PARTISAN SWIPE AT THE SDLP FOR HAVING ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD PULL OUT OF THE FORUM. NO SDLP MEMBERS WERE PRESENT IN THE CHAMBER TO HEAR MAYHEW'S STATEMENT, AS THEY REPORTEDLY WERE IN DUBLIN FOR TALKS WITH IRISH OFFICIALS.

6. THE AMBASSADOR'S PHONE CONVERSATION WITH MAYHEW FOLLOWING MAYHEW'S STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

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RULES FOR TALKS

TEXT:

UNCLAS BELFAST 0194

NSC FOR SODERBERG/PETERS

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TAGS: PREL, PGOV, UK, EI

SUBJECT: STORMONT PARTIES REPORTEDLY AGREE GROUND

RULES FOR TALKS

1. ARGUMENTS OVER THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE FORTHCOMING POLITICAL TALKS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SETTLED, WITH A MAJORITY OF THE PARTIES REPORTEDLY REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE GROUND RULES. PROCEDURAL ISSUES HAVE DOMINATED THE TALKS SINCE THEY BEGAN ALMOST SEVEN WEEKS AGO, PREVENTING PROGRESS ON ANY OTHER ISSUE. IN AN EFFORT TO BREAK THE IMPASSE, THE INDEPENDENT CHAIRMEN, LED BY FORMER SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL DRAFTED A COMPROMISE DOCUMENT JULY 24 WHICH WAS DISCUSSED AT A ROUND TABLE MEETING LASTING SOME FOUR HOURS. REPORTEDLY, THE 9-PAGE DOCUMENT CONTAINING 44 RULES OF PROCEDURE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY ALL PARTIES EXCEPT THE DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST AND UNITED KINGDOM UNIONIST PARTIES. THE PARTIES WILL MEET JULY 25 FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATION. IF AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED, A PLENARY SESSION OF THE TALKS WILL BE HELD ON JULY 29 TO RATIFY THE DOCUMENT. THE TALKS WILL THEN ADJOURN FOR THE SUMMER VACATION.

2. DUP LEADER IAN PAISLEY MADE CLEAR HIS PARTY'S INTENTION TO OPPOSE MITCHELL'S PAPER, PARTICULARLY ANY INDICATION THAT THE UNION WOULD BE RAISED IN NEGOTIATIONS. (A PASSAGE OF THE DOCUMENT ALLOWS FOR ANY PARTICIPANT TO BE FREE TO RAISE ANY ASPECT OF THE THREE RELATIONSHIPS "INCLUDING CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES.") PAISLEY SAID, "THESE TALKS ARE NOT FOR THE RE-NEGOTIATION OF THE UNION.. THE UNION CANNOT BE ON THE TABLE AND IF AN ATTEMPT IS MADE TO PUT IT ON THE TABLE WE WILL NOT BE THERE." HE ALSO INDICATED THAT THE DUP WOULD OPPOSE MITCHELL'S CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE TALKS. PAISLEY DID ADMIT HOWEVER THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE RATIFIED AT THE JULY 29 PLENARY. THE ULSTER UNIONISTS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WERE "REASONABLY HAPPY" WITH THE RULES. THE SDLP AND ALLIANCE PARTIES ARE ALSO UNDERSTOOD TO BE IN AGREEMENT. STEPHENS

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SUBJECT: "REPUBLICAN NEWS" SLAMS TALKS

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE FRONT PAGE HEADLINE AND
TEXT AND THE EDITORIAL HEADLINE AND TEXT OF THE
SINN FEIN NEWSPAPER, "REPUBLICAN NEWS", OF JULY 25.

2. THE FRONT PAGE HEADLINE READS "TALKS GOING
NOWHERE." BEGIN TEXT: "THE TALKS AT STORMONT
HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO A SILLY-SEASON SHAM. THEY
ARE, IN THE WORDS OF SINN FEIN ARD CHOMHAIRLE
MEMBER MARTIN MCGUINNESS "ON A LIFE-SUPPORT
MACHINE OF MEDIA CURIOSITY." THE PUBLIC HAS GIVEN
UP HOPE THAT THEY CAN PRODUCE PEACE.

ON WEDNESDAY THE PARTIES TO THE TALKS HAD STILL
NOT EVEN AGREED THE GROUND RULES FOR SUBSTANTIVE
TALKS, LET ALONE BEGUN MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS.
AND EVEN IF RULES ARE AGREED AND THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT AND THE UNIONISTS SUDDENLY BECOME
SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN ENGAGING IN NEGOTIATIONS,
THE ABSENCE OF SINN FEIN FROM THE TALKS TABLE
RENDERS THE TALKS INVALID.

REPRESENTING 42 PER CENT OF THE NATIONALIST

COMMUNITY AND 15 PER CENT OF THE ELECTORATE IN THE SIX COUNTIES, SINN FEIN'S EXCLUSION MAKES A MOCKERY OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT COMMITMENTS TO "PARITY OF ESTEEM AND EQUALITY OF TREATMENT."

IMAGINE 100 MPS BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS OR THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AFRICAN AMERICANS - 12 PER CENT OF PEOPLE IN THE USA - BEING SHUT OUT OF THE U.S. CONGRESS. THERE WOULD BE WORLDWIDE SCORN FOR ANY SUCH BLATANT DISCRIMINATION. YET ONE OF THE PROBLEMS IN THE PRESENT SITUATION IS THAT THE 26-COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS SUPPORTING THE EXCLUSION OF SINN FEIN FROM THE TALKS.

INSTEAD OF THESE SHAM TALKS A NEW PEACE PROCESS HAS NOW TO BE BUILT FROM THE GROUND UP." END TEXT.

3. EDITORIAL COMMENT: THE HEADLINE READS: "STORMONT SHAM." BEGIN TEXT: "THE POLITICAL AND MEDIA ESTABLISHMENT IS BUSY PUSHING THE VIEW THAT THE STORMONT TALKS ARE NOW THE BEST HOPE FOR PEACE. THEY AREN'T. ANY TALKS WITHOUT SINN FEIN ARE ENTIRELY WORTHLESS - EVEN MORE SO NOW THAT SO MANY NATIONALISTS IN IRELAND ACCEPT SINN FEIN'S ANALYSIS THAT THE SIX-COUNTY STATE IS IRREFORMABLE. EVERY NATIONALIST, AND THE SDLP ABOVE ALL, KNOWS THAT SINN FEIN MUST BE REPRESENTED IF ANY PEACE SETTLEMENT IS TO LAST.

OF COURSE, THE SUSPICION IS THAT THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE TALKS AT STORMONT ARE WELL AWARE OF THIS AND ARE SIMPLY GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS IN ORDER TO GIVE A PRETENCE OF MOVEMENT. THEY ARE PLAYING OUT A ROLE IN FRONT OF THE CAMERAS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE STRATEGY.

IN THE MEANTIME THE TASK IS TO RECONSTRUCT A REAL PEACE PROCESS." END TEXT.
STEPHENS

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JULY 20 - JULY 26, 1996

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SUBJECT: NORTHERN IRELAND MEDIA REPORT
JULY 20 - JULY 26, 1996

1. THIS REPORT CONCERNS MEDIA COVERAGE IN NORTHERN IRELAND THAT RELATES TO NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS AND REPORTS THAT MAY HAVE A BEARING ON NORTHERN IRELAND PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE U.S. THIS IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO DAILY NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS FAX REPORTS TO ADDRESSEES.

2. THE THREE MAIN NEWSPAPERS REFERRED TO THROUGHOUT THIS REPORT HOLD DIFFERING EDITORIAL VIEWS. THIS MAY BE REFLECTED IN THE TONE OF THEIR REPORTING:

'NEWS LETTER' - STRONG UNIONIST EDITORIAL POLICY

'IRISH NEWS' - STRONG NATIONALIST EDITORIAL POLICY

'BELFAST TELEGRAPH' - NEUTRAL TO MODERATE UNIONIST EDITORIAL POLICY.

3. THERE WERE REPORTS ON EVENTS SURROUNDING A DISPUTED PARADE PLANNED BY PROTESTANT ORGANISATION, THE APPRENTICE BOYS OF DERRY, FOR AUGUST 10.

THE BELFAST TELEGRAPH JULY 23 REPORTED THAT: "APPRENTICE BOYS LEADERS MET SECRETARY OF STATE MAYHEW AT STORMONT TODAY IN A BID TO AVERT SERIOUS DISTURBANCES AT NEXT MONTH'S PARADE."

THE BELFAST TELEGRAPH JULY 24 REPORTED: "THE BOGSIDE RESIDENTS GROUP HAS RENEWED CALL FOR A MEETING WITH THE APPRENTICE BOYS AHEAD OF NEXT MONTH'S PARADE. IN A LETTER SIGNED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF RESIDENTS IN THE BOGSIDE, LOWER ORMEAU ROAD, AND GARVAGHY ROAD, SIX POINTS WERE OUTLINED AS THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS."

THE IRISH NEWS JULY 25 REPORTED: "HOPES OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION BEFORE NEXT MONTH'S APPRENTICE BOYS PARADE SUFFERED A SETBACK LAST NIGHT WHEN THE ORGANISATION'S RULING BODY REAFFIRMED ITS INTENTION TO MARCH ALONG A CONTROVERSIAL SECTION OF DERRY'S WALLS."

4. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND THE NEWS LETTER JULY 22 EDITORIALIZED: "UNIONISTS MAY CONSTITUTE ONLY 28 PER CENT OF THE LONDONDERRY ELECTORATE, BUT THEY HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT TO SPACE IN THE MAIDEN CITY TO ASSERT THEIR CULTURAL IDENTITY AS MEMBERS OF THE STRIDENT NATIONALIST / REPUBLICAN MAJORITY THERE, WHO, IF CURRENT ATTITUDES ARE A CLUE ARE CLEARLY HOSTILE TO ANY EXPRESSION OF LOYALIST TRADITIONS."

THE SAME EDITORIAL ALSO STATED: "THE APPRENTICE BOYS PARADE DOES NOT ENTER ON A NATIONALIST AREA, BUT CLEARLY THIS IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE TO THOSE WITH IN PAN-IRISH NATIONALISM WHO ARE DETERMINED OT PORTRAY LONDONDERRY WHERE ONLY ONE CULTURE AND TRADITION IS PERMISSIBLE.

5. AN IRISH NEWS REPORT JULY 26 REPORTED ON DISPUTES ARISING FROM APPRENTICE BOYS PARADES DATING BACK TO 1832. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT: "MORE RECENTLY, THE APPRENTICE BOYS PARADE OF 1970 SPARKED THE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 06 BELFAST 0200

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BATTLE OF THE BOGSIDE WHILST LAST YEAR THERE WAS SERIOUS RIOTING WHEN THE POLICE FORCED THE PARENT CLUB'S MARCH THROUGH NATIONALIST PROTESTERS."

6. REPORTING ON A NATIONALIST PARADE PLANNED FOR JULY 26 TO PROTEST THE APPRENTICE BOYS PARADE THE NEWS LETTER QUOTED DUP COUNCILLOR GREGORY CAMPBELL: "THIS MARCH IS NOTHING BUT A BLATANT ATTEMPT TO HEIGHTEN TENSION" AN IRISH NEWS REPORT ON THE PLANNED MARCH QUOTED DERRY BOGSIDE (NATIONALIST AREA) RESIDENTS SPOKESPERSON DONNACHA MCNELIS: "UNLIKE THE ORANGE ORDER AND APPRENTICE BOYS THE DEMONSTRATION WAS IN SUPPORT OF EQUAL RIGHTS"

7. IN AN EDITORIAL THE BELFAST TELEGRAPH CALLED FOR A COMPROMISE TO BE FOUND: "BOTH COMMUNITIES - INCLUDING THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE APPRENTICE BOYS AND THE PROTESTERS - HAVE MUCH TOO LOSE, IN TERMS OF PEACE, JOBS, AND A FUTURE FOR THEIR CHILDREN."

"...CLEARLY THERE MUST BE A COMPROMISE...THERE IS A DIFFICULTY OVER DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE OF THE SINN FEIN CONNECTIONS OF THE RESIDENT'S CHAIRMAN, AND NOW THE BOGSIDERS ARE PROPOSING A COMBINED APPROACH INVOLVING SINN FEIN REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES FROM GARVAGHY ROAD AND THE LOWER ORMEAU. THIS MUST BE HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE."

8. NORTHERN IRELAND MULTI-PARTY TALKS

THERE HAVE BEEN ON-GOING REPORTS FROM THE MULTI-PARTY TALKS TAKING PLACE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF FORMER SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL. MANY EMPHASISED THE NEED FOR PROGRESS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF THE TALKS FAILING COMPLETELY.

9. THE IRISH NEWS JULY 25 REPORTED THAT "MAJOR PROGRESS" HAD BEEN MADE. IT WAS REPORTED: "SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL HAULED THE PROCESS BACK ON TRACK BY PUTTING BEFORE THE

PARTIES A COMPROMISE TEXT ON RULES OF PROCEDURE".

THE REPORT ALSO STATED: "THIS BREAKTHROUGH IN THE DIFFICULT TALKS PROCESS CAME MORE THAN 40 DAYS AFTER TORTUROUS WRANGLING ON ROCEDURES ...LAST NIGHT'S DEVELOPMENT CAME IN THE NICK OF TIME FOR THE SHAKY TALKS BY EFFECTIVELY SAVING THE NEGOTIATIONS FROM IMMINENT COLLAPSE."

THE NEWS LETTER REPORTED: "THE PROSPECT LOOMED LARGE LAST NIGHT THAT NEXT WEEK'S LONG AWAITED PLENARY THE UUP AND SDLP WILL LEAD THE WAY TO A CROSS COMMUNITY CONSENSUS BY VOTING IN FAVOUR OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE."

10. THE NEWS LETTER ALSO REPORTED: "THE UK UNIONISTS AND THE DUP, WHICH WAS REPORTED TO BE PREPARING AMENDMENTS, REFUSED TO BACK THE PAPER IN ITS ENTIRETY...THERE WAS SOME CONCERN IN UNIONIST RANKS THAT THE MITCHELL PAPER APPEARED TO ALLOW FOR THE UNION TO BE RAISED IN NEGOTIATIONS."

11. FURTHER POTENTIAL PROBLEMS HAD BEEN UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 06 BELFAST 0200

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IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING MORNING WITH THE IRISH NEWS REPORTING: 'TALKS DOGGED BY RETURN OF THE ARMS HANDOVER PROBLEM...THE THORNY QUESTION OF DECOMMISSIONING WHICH HAS DOGGED THE PEACE PROCESS ALL ALONG RE-EMERGED AS A DARK CLOUD OVER THE STORMONT TALKS LAST NIGHT WITH THE POLITICAL PARTIES ARGUING OVER HOW THIS ISSUE CAN BE TACKLED."

12.THE BELFAST TELEGRAPH JULY 27 REPORTED: "POLITICIANS URGED CAUTION TODAY IN SPITE OF SIGNS OF A LONG AWAITED BREAKTHROUGH AT THE STORMONT TALKS."

QUOTING SDLP MEMBER SEAMUS MALLON: "WE

HAVEN'T REACHED AN AGENDA AND I THINK THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF." ALLIANCE MEMBER STEVE MCBRIDE WAS ALSO QUOTED: "THEY ARE MOVING FORWARD IN A FALTERING AND NOT YET CERTAIN WAY AND I THINK WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS FROM NOW ON. MONDAY IS CERTAINLY GOING TO BE IMPORTANT."

13. PRIME MINISTER MAJOR HAS MEETING WITH OF UDP AND PUP POLITICAL PARTIES.

ON JULY 22 PRIME MINISTER MAJOR MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF LOYALIST POLITICAL PARTIES CONNECTED WITH PARA-MILITARY GROUPINGS,

14. THE NEWS LETTER JULY 23 COVERED THE STORY WITH A FRONT PAGE BANNER HEADLINE "HANDSHAKE FOR DOUBLE KILLER" AND WROTE PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR SHOOK THE HAND OF A DOUBLE MURDERER YESTERDAY IN A BID TO PRESERVE THE FALTERING LOYALIST CEASEFIRE.

THE NEWS LETTER REPORTED ON REACTIONS TO THE MEETING FROM 15. VARIOUS QUARTERS.

15. FOR LOYALIST PARTICIPANTS UDP MEMBER JOHN WHITE WAS QUOTED: "I THINK THE LOYALISTS PARAMILITARY GROUPINGS HAVE SHOWN A GREATER COMMITMENT TO THE PEACE PROCESS, AND WE, AS THEIR POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN RECOGNISED."

16. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE MEETING WAS "BITTERLY ATTACKED BY GERRY FITT", WHOSE FRIEND, POLITICIAN PATRICK WILSON WAS MURDERED BY JOHN WHITE.

17. UK UNIONIST PARTY LEADER ROBERT MCCARTNEY WAS QUOTED: "I AM OPPOSED TO ANYONE CONDUCTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH PEOPLE FRONTING ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT AS YET DECOMMISSIONED."

18. IT WAS REPORTED THAT "SINN FEIN CHAIRMAN MITCHELL MCLAUGHLIN ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT OF DOUBLE STANDARDS BY REFUSING TO MEET REPUBLICAN PARTIES".

19, THE IRISH NEWS IN AN EDITORIAL ON JULY 23 WROTE: "JOHN MAJOR'S DECISION TO MEET REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ULSTER DEMOCRATIC AND PROGRESSIVE UNIONIST PARTIES IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.... IT IS DEEPLY REGRETTABLE THAT IT HAS TAKEN MR MAJOR SO LONG TO ISSUE A FORMAL INVITATION TO THEM FOR TALKS. IF HE HAD MOVED EARLIER, IT IS

POSSIBLE THAT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
CEMENT BOTH LOYALIST AND REPUBLICAN
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23. BUSINESS

THE IMPACT ON PROSPECTS FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS CONFIDENCE , IN THE
WAKE OF WIDESPREAD VIOLENCE ACROSS
NORTHERN IRELAND, WAS WIDELY REPORTED UPON.

24. BELFAST TELEGRAPH BUSINESS SECTION JULY 23
PUBLISHED THE REACTION OF KEY MEMBERS OF
THE NORTHERN IRELAND BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

25. QUOTING BILL TOSH, CHAIRMAN OF THE
CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY IN
NORTHERN IRELAND: "INDUSTRY IS ANGRY. ANGRY
THAT AFTER A PERIOD OF SO MUCH PROMISE AND
FREEDOM FROM INTERFERENCE FROM
DEMONSTRATIONS FROM OVERT THREATS TO
PEOPLE AT WORK, AND FROM THE PROSPECTS OF
DAMAGE TO PREMISES AND PLANT, THAT ALL THESE
GAINS COULD BE SO EASILY OVERTHROWN BY THE
EVENTS OF JUST ONE WEEK".

"... THAT SO MANY PEOPLE THOUGHT THAT THE
DISRUPTION TO MOVEMENT OF GOODS AND PEOPLE
WAS AN APPROPRIATE EXPRESSION OF THEIR
POLITICAL FRUSTRATIONS, AND WHEREIN THE
LOSERS INCLUDED THEMSELVES, IS SURELY
REMARKABLY MYOPIC. THE WANTON DAMAGE AND
THREAT TO OUR EXPANDED ECONOMY WHICH HAS
PUT MORE PEOPLE IN JOBS THAN EVER BEFORE IS
OF QUITE MINDLESS PROPORTION.'

26. QUOTING ALAN MCCLURE, CHAIRMAN, INSTITUTE
OF DIRECTORS IN NORTHERN IRELAND: "IT IS THE
BUSINESS OF INVESTMENT DECISION MAKERS TO BE
SENSITIVE TO KEY INDICATIONS OF ECONOMIC
UNCERTAINTY AND NORTHERN IRELAND HAS
UNFORTUNATELY BEEN SENDING OUT A LOT OF

NEGATIVE SIGNALS RECENTLY."

27. QUOTING BILL JEFFREY, CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF SMALL BUSINESSES: "...THE PRICE WILL INCLUDE BROKEN DREAMS, SHATTERED CONFIDENCE, AND IN SOME CASES THE DECISION TO LEAVE NORTHERN IRELAND AS FAR AS SOME SMALL BUSINESSES ARE CONCERNED."

"...I BELIEVE THAT THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS SAYING VERY CLEARLY TO THOSE WHO CHOSE TO TAKE THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS, 'ENOUGH! YOUR INTRANSIGENCE, PETULANCE AND TOTALLY SELF DESTRUCTIVE ATTITUDES ARE BRINGING THIS PROVINCE TO WRACK AND RUIN' AND TO THAT CAN BE ADDED, 'YOU MAKE NO CONTRIBUTION, NO EFFORT, AND GIVE NO THOUGH TO EITHER YOUR OR YOUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE IN THE COMMUNITY THAT CAN BE NORTHERN IRELAND.'"

28. QUOTING ROY BAILIE, CHAIRMAN, NORTHERN IRELAND TOURIST BOARD: "WHAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING NOW IS A LACK OF CONFIDENCE ON BEHALF OF OUR VISITORS. OUR TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES SHOW A 38 PER CENT DROP IN INQUIRIES OVERALL. OUR DUBLIN OFFICE IS REPORTING A 54 PER CENT DECREASE IN RESERVATIONS AND GERMAN TOUR OPERATORS HAVE BEEN REVISING THEIR IRELAND ITINERARIES TO EXCLUDE THE NORTH FROM FUTURE TOURS."

THE BELFAST TELEGRAPH JULY 24 RAN A FRONT PAGE HEADLINE: "1000 JOBS LOST - VIOLENCE PUTS ARABS OFF 20 MILLION POUND INVESTMENT" THE REPORT STATED: "A MAJOR ARAB FINANCIAL UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 06 BELFAST 0200

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INSTITUTION HAS PUT ITS 20 MILLION INPUT INTO A SPINNING MACHINE FACTORY ON HOLD DUE TO THEIR DISGUST AT THE RECENT VIOLENCE."

29. IN A SEPARATE ARTICLE THE BELFAST TELEGRAPH JULY 24 REPORTED: "LONDONDERRY MY HAVE LOST TWO MULTI-MILLION POUND HOTEL

DEVELOPMENTS AND THOUSANDS OF POUNDS FROM CROSS BORDER AND LOCAL SHOPPERS BECAUSE OF THE RECENT STREET VIOLENCE."

"...PRACTICALLY OVERNIGHT, THE OPTIMISM AND CONFIDENCE WAS SNUFFED OUT. MOST SHOPS WILL REOPEN SOON BUT BUSINESS LEADERS ARE CONCERNED THAT THE VIOLENT IMAGES WHICH FLASHED ACROSS THE WORLD WILL SCARE OFF POTENTIAL INVESTORS."

30. REVIEWING THE ECONOMIC COST OF RIOTING THE BELFAST TELEGRAPH JULY 23 REPORTED:
"...THE LONG TERM COSTS COULD BE WORST OF ALL - LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE PROVINCE BOTH AS A BASE FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS AND OUR RECENTLY BLOSSOMING TOURIST TRADE."

"RONNIE SCOTT, SENIOR RESEARCHER AT THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH CENTRE HAD PREVIOUSLY CALCULATED THAT THE PEACE DIVIDEND WOULD CREATE 20,000 - 30,000 NEW JOBS BY THE YEAR 2000, AND CURRENT GDP OF MORE THAN 13 BILLION POUNDS WOULD RISE BY ANYTHING BETWEEN 380 - 670 MILLION PER YEAR AT A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE."

HE WAS QUOTED: "WE COULD TAKE THIS UNREST AS WIPING OUT THIS POTENTIAL GAIN, AND EVEN IF THE TROUBLE DIES DOWN, THE IMAGE DAMAGE COULD LAST YEARS ... A WEEK OF VIOLENCE REALLY HAS VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES AND COULD MEAN A POTENTIAL LOSS OF HUNDRED OF MILLIONS OF POUNDS OVER THE NEXT THREE OF FOUR YEARS."

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31. THE IRISH NEWS JULY 23 REPORTED ON U.S. BUSINESS INTEREST AND POTENTIAL INVESTMENT. IT WROTE: 'THE IRISH NEWS HAS LEARNED THAT THE POTENTIAL INVESTORS WERE AMONG 11 AMERICAN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES WHO VISITED NORTHERN IRELAND LAST MONTH AS PART OF A TRADE MISSION LED BY MR. GINSBERG.

QUOTING U.S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM GINSBERG: "THERE IS CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND WHICH WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR, BUT WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEEK HAS NOT CHANGED THE PERCEPTION OF AMERICAN COMPANIES OF NORTHERN IRELAND AS AN INVESTMENT LOCATION.

...THIS UNDERSCORES OUR WORK AND COMMITMENT TO NORTHERN IRELAND - PRESIDENT

CLINTON'S LEADERSHIP IS ACTIVELY PURSUING OUR ECONOMIC POLICY IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND WE WILL IF NECESSARY RE-DOUBLE OUR EFFORTS."

32. UNITED STATES INTEREST

MAJOR STORIES OF U.S. INTEREST WERE CARRIED WITHOUT RELEVANT COMMENT OR AS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCY FEATURES AND ARE UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 06 BELFAST 0200

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33. SINN FEIN FUNDS

THE BELFAST TELEGRAPH JULY 22 REPORTED UNDER THE HEADLINE "SINN FEIN RAISES 1.1 MILLION POUNDS IN U.S. ...BUT IT IS UNDERSTOOD ONLY 30,000 HAS BEEN SENT TO DUBLIN FOR USE IN ADMINISTRATION...IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE RESPONSE IN TRADITIONAL IRISH REPUBLICAN STRONGHOLDS SUCH AS SOUTH BOSTON AND AREAS OF SAN FRANCISCO HAS NOT PROVED AS LUCRATIVE AS THE PARTY HAS HOPED."

34. AIR CRASH

THERE WERE STANDARD NEWS AGENCY REPORTS OF TWA AIRLINER CRASH. SPECULATION THAT THE CRASH MAY HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY PROMPTED A LETTER PUBLISHED IN NEW LETTER: "IF IT IS FOUND TO BE A TERRORIST ATROCITY...THEN THE ONLY PERSON TO BLAME IS BILL CLINTON. BY PANDERING TO SF/IRA AND OUTRAGING THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE OF THE WORLD HE SHOWED SUSTAINED TERRORISM DOES PAY IN THE END."

35. CONGRESSMEN WRITE TO PRIME MINISTER MAJOR

THE BELFAST TELEGRAPH JULY 25 REPORTED: "A GROUP OF U.S. CONGRESSMEN HAVE WRITTEN TO THE PRIME MINISTER TO CONDEMN 'IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS' THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF THE DRUMCREE CRISIS."

36. CONSULATE PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

CONSUL GENERAL WAS PICTURED JULY 25 IN THE NEWS LETTER PRESENTING LOCAL AUTHOR AND NEWS LETTER EDITOR BILLY KENNEDY WITH A MEDAL FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND ON JULY 26 SHE WAS PICTURED RECEIVING A BOOK ON WW2 AIR FORCE BASES IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

37. OLYMPIC SWIMMER MICHELLE SMITH

FOLLOWING REPORTS THAT U.S. CONTESTANTS WERE LESS THAN GRACIOUS ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF IRISH OLYMPIC SWIMMER MICHELLE SMITH AND HAD IMPLIED SHE HAD TAKEN ILLEGAL PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS, A BROADCASTER ON REPUBLIC OF IRELAND RADIO STATION RTE CALLED ON PEOPLE TO ISSUE COMPLAINTS TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN DUBLIN. THE CONSULATE IN BELFAST RECEIVED A FEW CALLS. THE ISSUE WAS COVERED IN NORTHERN IRELAND MEDIA.

THE IRISH EDITION OF U.K. TABLOID DAILY MIRROR CHAMPIONED THE ISSUE AND PRINTED A LETTER OF PROTEST AND AMBASSADOR SMITH'S REPLY. BELFAST TELEGRAPH JULY 26 CARRIED A FRONT PAGE PHOTOGRAPH OF PRESIDENT CLINTON WITH MICHELLE SMITH.

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