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December 29, 1995 <sup>95 DEC 29</sup> P5:28

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE *[Signature]*  
PATRICK GRIFFIN *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Letters to Representatives Gilman et al.

Purpose

To respond to a letter signed by Representatives Gilman, Manton, Neal, King and Walsh.

Background

Representative Gilman and four other Representatives wrote to you expressing their concerns about the Northern Ireland peace process.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Representatives Gilman et al.  
Tab B Incoming correspondence

cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

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Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable James T. Walsh  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3225

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The Honorable Richard E. Neal  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-2801

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The Honorable Thomas J. Manton  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-4903

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The Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-4309

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(date)

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**RM:**

**OK FOR SIGNATURE PER TODD STERN**

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

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*Brian Clinton* <sup>A</sup>

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DATE: 02 JAN 96

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

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DATE: 29 DEC 95

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COMMENT:

FOR



JOHN W. FICKLIN

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