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ORIG: WHITE HOUSE

TO: P1(b)(1)

[003]

INFO: ////

SUBJ: *** NO SUBJECT FOUND ***

TEXT:

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ VIA PRIVACY CHANNELS

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EYES ONLY FOR THE AMBASSADOR.

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS SENT TO PRIME MINISTER MAJOR FROM
PRESIDENT CLINTON ON 10 OCTOBER 1996.

THIS COPY IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY.
BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR JOHN: I WRITE TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO ALL
WHO WERE INJURED IN THE TERRIBLE OCTOBER 7 ATTACK BY THE IRA
ON LISBURN BARRACKS. ALL OF US HERE ARE SHOCKED AND
OUTRAGED BY THE ATTACK, AND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT
TO THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

YOUR COURAGE AND TENACITY HAVE ALREADY GIVEN NORTHERN
IRELAND MUCH HOPE. I KNOW YOU WILL FACE SOME DIFFICULT
MOMENTS IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS AHEAD. I WILL LOSE NO
OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR DETERMINATION TO MOVE
FORWARD WITH THE STORMONT TALKS AND PEACE PROCESS IN SPITE
OF THIS SETBACK. WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAISE PUBLICLY THE
RESTRAINT AND COURAGE OF THE LOYALIST LEADERS AND HOPE THEY
WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THEIR CEASE-FIRE.

AS ALWAYS, IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU THINK I CAN DO TO HELP,
PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

SINCERELY,

BILL CLINTON
#2163

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E.O. 13526
White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006
By VC NARA, Date 10/20/2012

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TO: RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 8910
INFO: RUEHLO/AMEMBASSY LONDON 8412
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SUBJ: GERRY ADAMS SAYS SINN FEIN WILL

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TEXT:

UNCLAS BELFAST 0281

NSC FOR SODERBERG/PETERS
CA/VO/L/C FOR JPRITCHETT

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: PREL, PINS, PTER, PGOV, UK, EI
SUBJECT: GERRY ADAMS SAYS SINN FEIN WILL

"GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR PEACE"

1. SPEAKING AT A MEETING OF PARTY ACTIVISTS IN NORTH BELFAST ON OCTOBER 12, GERRY ADAMS MAINTAINED THAT SINN FEIN WAS PREPARED TO "GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR PEACE." THE "CHALLENGE OF PEACE", HE SAID, WAS STILL THERE FOR EVERYONE. HOWEVER, THE KEY WAS IN PRIME MINISTER MAJOR'S HANDS, AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD SHOWN LITTLE INTEREST IN CREATING THE CONDITIONS FOR PEACE.

2. IN HIS FIRST LENGTHY PREPARED SPEECH SINCE THE LISBURN BOMBING, ADAMS CLAIMED THAT MAJOR HAD MISCALCULATED DURING THE IRA CEASE-FIRE THAT THE IRA WOULD NOT RETURN TO WAR AS LONG AS THE PEACE PROCESS WAS "STRETCHED AND STRETCHED." THE SUBSEQUENT TALKS PROCESS WAS A "SOME PARTY TALKS PROCESS" WHICH IS "LITTLE MORE THAN A TACTICAL WRANGLE." MAJOR HAD CHANGED THE GOALPOSTS TO EXCLUDE SINN FEIN. ADAMS POINTED OUT THAT SINN FEIN'S VOTE AT THE MAY 30 ELECTION WAS "MORE THAN THE SUM TOTAL OF THE VOTES OF FIVE OF THE OTHER

PARTIES AT STORMONT." THE EVENTS OF THE SUMMER DURING WHICH "LONDON CAPITULATED TO UNIONIST VIOLENCE AND THE THREAT OF MORE VIOLENCE AT GARVAGHY ROAD," FURTHER ALIENATED NATIONALISTS.

3. ADAMS CATALOGUED THE DEATHS THAT HAD OCCURRED SINCE THE SUMMER; "THE SUMMER SAW LOYALISTS KILL MICHAEL MCGOLDRICK IN LURGAN AND THE BRITISH ARMY KILL DERMOT MCSHANE IN DERRY. IRA VOLUNTEER DIARMUID O'NEILL WAS KILLED IN LONDON AND JAMES BRADWELL WAS KILLED BY THE IRA AT LISBURN. BUT PERHAPS THE CONTINUING TRAGEDY OF THIS CONFLICT WAS MOST DISTRESSINGLY HIGHLIGHTED BY THE DEATH OF 12 YEAR OLD DARREN MURRAY, A YOUNG CATHOLIC BOY WHO DIED IN AN ACCIDENT AS A RESULT OF RAISED SECTARIAN TENSIONS FOLLOWING DRUMCREE."

4. ALL THESE EVENTS HAD SYSTEMATICALLY DISMANTLED THE PEACE PROCESS, ADAMS CLAIMED. THE QUESTION WHICH HAD TO BE ASKED, HE SAID, WAS HOW MAJOR WOULD TREAT A RENEWED IRA CEASE-FIRE. HE WARNED MAJOR THAT HE MUST NOT TREAT A SECOND IRA CEASE-FIRE AND A RESTORED PEACE PROCESS "IN THE SAME CAVALIER FASHION AS HE DID THE LAST ONE."

5. ADAMS PRAISED THE FRINGE LOYALIST PARTIES, DECLARING THAT THEY HAD SHOWN MORE OPENNESS AND IMAGINATION THAN THE MAINSTREAM UNIONIST LEADERSHIP. REPUBLICANS, HE CLAIMED, DID NOT WANT TO SEE A BREAKDOWN OF THE LOYALIST CEASE-FIRE. INDEED, HE MAINTAINED, HE HAD BEEN AMONG THOSE WHO "ACTIVELY ENCOURAGED" THE LOYALISTS TO DECLARE A CEASE-FIRE. "THERE ARE CLEARLY SOME ELEMENTS WITHIN THE LOYALIST CAMP WHO GENUINELY WANT TO SEE AN END TO THIS CONFLICT AND THEY SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED," ADAMS SAID. MAINSTREAM UNIONISM WAS AFRAID OF CHANGE AND HAS USED THE PRECONDITIONS INTRODUCED BY THE BRITISH AS A MEANS OF PREVENTING REAL NEGOTIATIONS, HE CLAIMED.

6. ADAMS "REGRETTED" THE BREAKDOWN OF THE IRA CEASE-FIRE AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NORTHERN IRELAND WAS AT A "CRITICAL POINT." WHAT WAS REQUIRED, HE SAID, WAS A NEED FOR A VIABLE PEACE PROCESS WHICH WAS INCLUSIVE, WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS AND WHICH INVOLVED A TIMEFRAME FOR NEGOTIATIONS. "WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IS TO TRY TO STEER, IN A VERY CALM, REFLECTIVE AND EVEN-HANDED WAY, A WAY THROUGH THIS VERY CRITICAL POINT." HE AND JOHN HUME HAD PROVED THAT THERE IS ANOTHER WAY FORWARD. "IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THE SAME OLD STORY - IT IS POSSIBLE TO CHANGE THE SCRIPT AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH RENEWED HOPE AND OPTIMISM...SINN FEIN IS WHOLLY COMMITTED TO PURSUING WITH ALL VIGOR THE GOAL OF A LASTING PEACE IN IRELAND.. WE WILL NOT BE DEFLECTED FROM

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1. SUMMARY: ADDRESSING THE ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY (UUP) CONFERENCE IN BALLYMENA OCTOBER 19, PARTY LEADER DAVID TRIMBLE CALLED FOR RAPID PROGRESS IN THE MULTI-PARTY TALKS WITHOUT SINN FEIN. TRIMBLE TOLD DELEGATES THAT THE UUP WOULD CHALLENGE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE SDLP TO "GO ON NOW WITHOUT SINN FEIN WITH NO BACKWARD GLANCES." HE WARNED THAT TIME WAS RUNNING OUT FOR THE STORMONT TALKS. "THE PROSPECT OF A GENERAL ELECTION WILL SOON CLOSE DOWN THE POLITICAL PROCESS. WE HAVE ONLY A FEW MONTHS. BUT WE ARE, AND HAVE BEEN, PREPARED TO DO SERIOUS BUSINESS, IF OTHERS WILL RESPOND." WHILE PARTY LEADER TRIMBLE SAID AMERICAN POLICY MAKERS WERE NOW TAKING UNIONIST CONCERNS INTO ACCOUNT, A SUNDAY TIMES POLL OF 100 DELEGATES SHOWED A LARGE MAJORITY DID NOT TRUST PRESIDENT CLINTON. END SUMMARY.

2. TRIMBLE TOLD DELEGATES THAT ANY SORT OF COMPROMISE BETWEEN UNIONISM AND NATIONALISM WAS IMPOSSIBLE AND "MOONSHINE." HE SAID THAT THE PURSUIT OF "ANGLO-IRISHISM" WAS THE VERY WAY TO PREVENT POLITICAL PROGRESS IN NORTHERN IRELAND. "IT DOES NOT

ENCOURAGE NATIONALISTS TO SEEK ACCOMMODATION WITH UNIONISTS. IT ENCOURAGES THEM TO LOOK TO BIG BROTHER IN DUBLIN. IT ENCOURAGES THEM TO DENY THE VALUE OF INTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS, TO BE INTRANSIGENT. TRIMBLE CRITICIZED SDLP LEADER JOHN HUME FOR PULLING HIS PARTY OUT OF THE ELECTED FORUM, SET UP TO WORK IN TANDEM WITH THE MULTI-PARTY TALKS. HE QUOTED HUME WHEN HE HAD SAID HE WAS READY FOR TALKS "ANY TIME, ANY PLACE, ANYWHERE." "SO FAR, IT IS ANY TIME BUT NOW, ANY PLACE BUT THE FORUM AND ANYWHERE BUT WHERE HE WILL HAVE TO MEET THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND," TRIMBLE SAID.

3. ON THE SUBJECT OF DECOMMISSIONING TERRORIST WEAPONS, A SUBJECT WHERE IAN PAISLEY'S DEMOCRATIC UNIONISTS HAVE ACCUSED THE UUP OF "A SELL-OUT," TRIMBLE SAID HIS PARTY WAS NOT SOFTENING ITS ATTITUDE ON EITHER A CEASE-FIRE OR DECOMMISSIONING. HE SAID THAT HIS PARTY INSISTED THAT THE TIME HAD COME TO SETTLE THESE ISSUES AND PUT SINN FEIN/IRA BEHIND THEM.

4. TRIMBLE RESERVED SOME OF HIS BITTEREST CRITICISM FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM UNIONIST PARTY (UKUP) LEADER ROBERT MCCARTNEY OVER HIS APPROACH TO THE MULTI-PARTY TALKS. HE ACCUSED HIM OF "RANK DEFEATISM" AND OF BELIEVING THAT "SELL-OUT AND DEFEAT" WERE INEVITABLE. TRIMBLE ALSO SHARPLY CRITICIZED BBC NORTHERN IRELAND FOR ANTI-UNIONIST BIAS. HE ACCUSED THEM OF PLAYING DOWN IRA KILLINGS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, "STIRRING UP TROUBLE WITHIN UNIONISM." TRIMBLE'S CRITICISM OF THE BBC COMES AFTER A RECENT SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM WHICH REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THERE WAS A RIGHT-WING PLOT WITHIN THE UUP AIMED AT UNSEATING THE SITTING NORTH BELFAST UUP MP CECIL WALKER. TRIMBLE SAID BBC NORTHERN IRELAND WAS "SETTING OUT TO PUT NORTH BELFAST UNIONISM IN TURMOIL."

5. TRIMBLE DEVOTED A LARGE PART OF HIS SPEECH TO AN ANALYSIS IN A RECENT BOOK "REINVENTING UNIONISM" BY PARTY MEMBER NORMAN PORTER. IN HIS BOOK PORTER ADVOCATES PARITY OF ESTEEM FOR UNIONISM AND NATIONALISM. TRIMBLE SAID THAT WHILE THE BOOK HAD BEEN PRAISED BY SOME NATIONALISTS AND PRESENTED AS A CRITICISM OF UNIONISM, HIS PARTY WAS ALREADY PUTTING INTO PRACTICE SOME OF PORTER'S IDEAS SUCH AS A BILL OF RIGHTS AND AN ASSEMBLY BASED ON PROPORTIONALITY. "UNIONISM HAS LONG BEEN COMMITTED TO REAL CIVIL RIGHTS FOR ALL, AND PROPORTIONALITY WAS ONE OF OUR MAIN PROPOSALS FOR THE 1992 TALKS," TRIMBLE SAID. HE DREW THE LINE, HOWEVER, AT "POLITICAL PARITY OF ESTEEM ON A NORTH - SOUTH AXIS." HE SAID PORTER MADE THE FAMILIAR MISTAKE OF TRYING TO FIND SOME SORT OF COMPROMISE BETWEEN UNIONISM AND NATIONALISM. TRIMBLE TOLD DELEGATES THERE COULD BE NO "HALF-WAY HOUSE BETWEEN THE UNION AND A UNITED IRELAND."

6. ON THE SUBJECT OF PARADES, TRIMBLE PAID TRIBUTE TO

SDLP LEADER JOHN HUME FOR HIS INTERVENTION ON OCTOBER 18 WHEN HUME SAID AN APPRENTICE BOYS PARADE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GO AHEAD. TRIMBLE NOTED THAT THE PARADE, WHICH HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO PROCEED BY POLICE AT THE LAST MOMENT, PASSED OFF WITHOUT SERIOUS INCIDENT (SEPTEL). THE CONFERENCE UNANIMOUSLY BACKED A MOTION WHICH CALLED ON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT "LAW-ABIDING TAXPAYING CITIZENS OF THIS PART OF THE UNITED KINGDOM ARE ALLOWED TO PROCEED PEACEFULLY ALONG THE QUEEN'S HIGHWAY."

7. CONFERENCE SPEAKERS ALSO CONDEMNED THE USE OF TIT-FOR-TAT BOYCOTTING OF BUSINESSES. THEY DESCRIBED IT AS A "REPUBLICAN TRAP" AND "ANOTHER WEAPON IN THE ARMOURY OF SINN FEIN/IRA IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO DESTABILIZE NORTHERN IRELAND." MARYFIELD'S ANGLO-IRISH SECRETARIAT CAME UNDER FIRE FOR WHAT THE CONFERENCE CALLED "ITS DAILY REPUGNANT ACTIVITIES." ONE SPEAKER SAID UNIONISTS FELT BETRAYED BY IT. "BEHIND THE BARBED WIRE THE SECRETARIAT STANDS. THE BARBED WIRE ITSELF IS AN INDICATION THAT THE AGREEMENT HAS NOT BEEN ACCEPTED AND NEVER WILL BE ACCEPTED."

8. IN A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE SUNDAY TIMES, MOST DELEGATES POLLED AT THE CONFERENCE STILL FAVOR A CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT AT WESTMINISTER. ONLY A QUARTER FAVORED THE LABOR PARTY. ALMOST THREE QUARTERS OF THOSE ASKED SAID THEY DIDN'T TRUST IAN PAISLEY. AND, A LARGE PERCENTAGE SAID THEY DIDN'T TRUST U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON .

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED OF 100 UUP DELEGATES AT THE CONFERENCE:

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| DO YOU BELIEVE THE UUP SHOULD REPLACE SOME OF ITS MPS WITH YOUNGER CANDIDATES? | YES 51 | NO 42 | |
| SHOULD UNIONISTS SHARE POWER WITH NATIONALISTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND? | 57 | 40 | |
| DID THE PROTESTS AT THE RE-ROUTING OF THE DRUMCREE MARCH GO TO FAR? | 40 | 58 | |
| DOES RELIGION AFFECT WHERE YOU DO YOUR SHOPPING? | | | |
| WOULD YOU OBJECT IF THE HEIR TO THE BRITISH THRONE MARRIED A CATHOLIC | 37 | 61 | |
| WOULD YOU PREFER TO SEE A CONSERVATIVE RATHER THAN A LABOR GOVERNMENT AT WESTMINISTER? | | | |
| DO YOU TRUST | (A) JOHN MAJOR? (B) TONY BLAIR? (C) JOHN HUME? | 42 24 8 | 52 63 89 |

| | | |
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| (D) IAN PAISLEY? | 24 | 72 |
| (E) JOHN BRUTON? | 23 | 76 |
| (F) BERTIE AHERN? | 5 | 91 |
| (G) BILL CLINTON? | 17 | 80 |

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ATTACKS.

1. THE OUTGOING RUC CHIEF CONSTABLE SIR HUGH ANNESLEY, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH "THE TIMES" OCTOBER 20, EXCERPTED IN BELFAST LOCAL PAPERS, PREDICTED THAT THE PROVISIONAL IRA WILL DECLARE ANOTHER CEASEFIRE, BUT NOT BEFORE THEY CONTINUE WITH THEIR BOMBING CAMPAIGN. SIR HUGH BASED HIS FORECAST ON INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, AND HIS OWN JUDGEMENT. HE SAID THE PROVISIONAL IRA WOULD ABANDON ITS TERROR CAMPAIGN "SOONER OR LATER." "I WOULD CERTAINLY SEE IT AS COMING POTENTIALLY IN THE NEXT YEAR. I HAVE NO DOUBT THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT IS DEEPLY PUT OUT BY THE STRONG STANCE OF THE BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS. I THINK WE ARE IN A SITUATION WHERE FURTHER ATTACKS ON THE BRITISH MAINLAND ARE PROBABLE AND I THINK AN ATTACK WITHIN THE PROVINCE HAS MOVED FROM POSSIBLE TO PROBABLE."

2. SIR HUGH SAID THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP SAW THE ADVANTAGE OF PEACE. HE SAID HE THOUGHT GERRY ADAMS AND MARTIN MCGUINNESS STILL BELIEVED THAT THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO NORTHERN IRELAND'S

PROBLEMS LAY WITH POLITICS AND NOT BY TERRORISM. ANNESLEY SAID THE IRA'S MOVE TO HOLD A "GENERAL ARMY CONVENTION" WAS PROOF THAT THERE WAS A SHIFT IN THE MOVEMENT TOWARDS A CEASEFIRE. THE CHIEF CONSTABLE WARNED THAT IF LOYALIST TERRORISTS WERE PUSHED BACK INTO VIOLENCE, THEY WOULD POSE A FORMIDABLE THREAT WITH ATTACKS IN THE IRISH REPUBLIC AND ACROSS NORTHERN IRELAND.

3. SIR HUGH RETIRES IN NOVEMBER AND WILL BE REPLACED BY RONNIE FLANAGAN, A BELFAST NATIVE. STEPHENS

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RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

- PI National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
- P2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
- P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
- P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

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RR. Document will be reviewed upon request.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- b(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- b(2) Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- b(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- b(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]