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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE
JOHN HILLEY *JL*

SUBJECT: Letters to Representatives Gilman et al.

Purpose

To respond to a letter signed by Representative Gilman and seventy other colleagues.

Background

Representative Gilman et al. wrote to you regarding the Northern Ireland peace process. In your response, you assure the Representatives that your Administration will remain in close touch with the two governments and all parties as they move forward to achieve a lasting peace.

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 15, 1996

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,

Ben Clinton ^A

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

Letter to all on attached list,

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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DATE: 15 MAY 96

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SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 15 MAY 96

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REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 16 MAY 96

COMMENT:

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Dear Neil:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill", written in dark ink.

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3704

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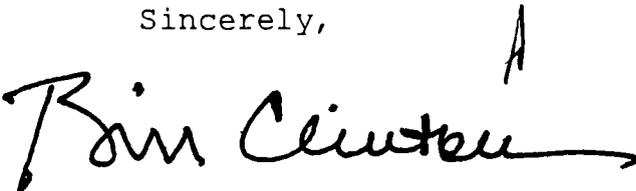
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Gilman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end. Above the signature, there is a small, handwritten capital letter "A".

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

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 1, 1996

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to urge you to relay to John Major that all-party talks must commence immediately, as recommended by the Mitchell Commission. As you know, the Mitchell Commission was established by both the Irish and the British governments and given the task of assessing the decommissioning issue from an independent and unbiased perspective.

The Mitchell Commission has filed its report, but because the British government disagrees with the Commission's conclusions, it is further delaying the dialogue for peace by throwing out a new precondition for talks. This is completely unacceptable.

As you recall, Prime Minister John Major made a commitment last November to start all party talks at the end of February. It is crucial to the peace process that talks begin as planned. We respectfully request that you remind the Prime Minister of his commitment in the strongest possible terms before the peace process is derailed.

Sincerely,

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Todd Stern