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WASHINGTON

July 29, 1998

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER (K) *SB*

SUBJECT: Letter to the Chairman of the International Fund
for Ireland

Purpose

Respond to the IFI Chairman's letter informing you that the Board approved additional support for the Springvale Campus in Northern Ireland.

Background

One of your initiatives to support the Good Friday Peace Accord was to seek an additional \$5 million in funding required for completing the proposed branch campus of the University of Ulster at Springvale, West Belfast. The primary mechanism for obtaining \$5 million was to secure International Fund for Ireland approval to provide these funds, with U.S. pledges to increase our IFI funding (currently \$20 million/year) at a later date when the funds are needed. Jim Lyons, the U.S. Observer to the IFI, succeeded in convincing the Board to take this action. In your reply to the Board Chairman, Willy McCarter, you welcome the IFI action and commend its persistence in having been an early supporter of the project (originally conceived in the early 1990's and opposed by the Major government in Britain).

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Willy McCarter
Tab B Incoming correspondence

OK AP
[Signature]
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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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WASHINGTON

Dear Willie:

I was delighted to receive your letter regarding the Board of the Fund's decision to provide additional assistance to the Springvale Campus. The International Fund for Ireland can take pride in having consistently supported this important initiative through the ups and downs of the peace process and politics. You should know that my view of the Fund is that it has played, and will continue to play, a vital role in community regeneration, creating the conditions for peace to thrive.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of the Fund and the people of Northern Ireland and the Border Counties.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton^A

Mr. William T. McCarter
Chairman, International Fund for Ireland
PO Box 2000
Belfast BT4 3SA

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8-4-98
(date)

RM:

OK FOR SIGNATURE PER PHIL CAPLAN/SEAN MALONEY.

RETURN ALL LETTER(S) AND ORIGINAL MEMO(S) TO

STAFF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

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(initials)

Okay for Signature by
Staff Secretary Phil Caplan
Date 8/4/98

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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August 4, 1998

Dear Willie:

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Sincerely,

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Bill Clinton

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PO Box 2000
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REFERRAL

DATE: 04 AUG 98

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: MCCARTER, WILLIAM T

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 04 AUG 98

SUBJ: REPLY TO CHAIRMAN OF INTL FUND FOR IRELAND

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 05 AUG 98

COMMENT:


FOR JOHN W. FICKLIN

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