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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *SR for*

SUBJECT: Presidential Mission for Former Senator George Mitchell, November 14

Purpose

Seek your approval for a Presidential Mission.

Background

Senator Mitchell was asked by the British and Irish governments on July 20, 1999 to serve as Facilitator for a review of implementation of the Good Friday Accord. With President Clinton's full support, Senator Mitchell agreed to serve in this capacity.

We fully support implementation of the Good Friday Accord as the best hope for a lasting settlement to the conflict in Northern Ireland. The talks have entered their final and most critical phase. Senator Mitchell asked the parties to reflect on the decisions they must make over the weekend, and to reconvene in Belfast on Monday morning. It is in the U.S. interest to facilitate the Senator's presence at this meeting and to signal continued strong U.S. support for a successful outcome to the review process.

Former Senator George Mitchell must return urgently to Ireland for sensitive negotiations on the peace accords. Due to late-breaking developments, prior commitments, and restricted flight schedules, military airlift is required from New Jersey to Belfast, to arrive at 7:00 a.m. on November 15. In order for him to receive an aircraft on a nonreimbursable basis, the trip must be designated a Presidential Mission.

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve a Presidential Mission for former Senator George Mitchell.

Approve William J. Clinton

Disapprove _____

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That you approve a Presidential Mission for former Senator George Mitchell.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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PRESIDENTIAL MISSION

GEORGE MITCHELL

November 15, 1954

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