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September 15, 1994

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The recent developments on peace in the North of Ireland are encouraging and important events in that long troubled region.

One of the key ingredients helping create to this new climate for peace has been the expanding political dialog among many of the interested parties; including that of John Hume of the SDLP, and Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein, along with the leaders of the Irish government and U.S. representatives.

Both Mr. Hume and Mr. Adams, and representatives of other interested parties, will soon be visiting the U.S. and meeting with member of Congress before we adjourn for the fall elections.

I urge that Mr. Adams be promptly provided a visa so he can enter the U.S. on September 21, 1994. This would allow adequate time for him to meet with interested Members of Congress, in order that we can fully explore any further efforts to assist the peace process.

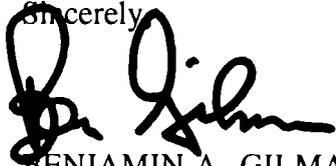
In addition, I urge you to support the recent efforts by myself and others, in the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) re-authorization bill (H.R.4950) to expand U.S. economic assistance for the region of Northern Ireland.

We have created the necessary authorization and Congressional support for the OPIC process needed to open the door and create a Irish equity fund. Our proposal will help to produce more jobs and growth in the region.

Only through long term economic development that creates a shared, and fairly distributed prosperity, can we expect to create a lasting peace. An OPIC equity fund as I proposed is one proven vehicle to help bring that about.

I urge that your Administration fully support the creation of an OPIC equity fund for Ireland in order to help make the long desired goal of peace for the region, a true and lasting reality.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

BENJAMIN A. GILMAN
Ranking Republican Member

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