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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
June 17, 1998

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER *EB*
LARRY STEIN *JS*

SUBJECT: Letter to Representative Manton

Purpose

Respond to Representative Thomas J. Manton regarding H.R. 1757, the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for FY 1999.

Background

Representative Manton acknowledges that parts of H.R. 1757 present problems, knows that you are going to veto, but asks you to weigh the importance he attributes to the MacBride Principles for peace in Ireland against arguments for not signing the bill.

The specific provision relates to International Fund for Ireland funding, requiring the IFI to apply the nine MacBride criteria to projects. We do not oppose this as Jim Lyons feels the IFI can comply without problems. Last year you vetoed the Authorization bill containing similar language, for unrelated reasons, causing an outcry among Irish Americans. Your response then was to send a letter to Jim Lyons, in his IFI observer capacity, instructing him to discharge their duties vis-à-vis the IFI as if the MacBride language had been signed.

Your response to Representative Manton essentially repeats last year's guidance.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Representative Manton
Tab B Incoming Correspondence

*at to
AP
Phil
6/19*

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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WASHINGTON

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Thank you for sharing your views with me on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill" with a large "A" written above the "l".

The Honorable Thomas J. Manton
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20215-3207

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6-18-98
(date)

RM:

OK FOR SIGNATURE PER **PHIL CAPLAN/SEAN MALONEY.**

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

STAFF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

(initials)

Okay for Signature by
Staff Secretary Phil Caplan
Date 6/18/98

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DATE: 19 JUN 98

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: MANTON, THOMAS J

SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 18 JUN 98

SUBJ: LTR TO REP MANTON RE HR 1757 FORN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR
FY 99

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 20 JUN 98

COMMENT:

FOR



JOHN W. FICKLIN

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