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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 28, 1998

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER *(P) For*
LARRY STEIN *LS*

SUBJECT:

Letter to Senator Reed on Paul Quinn as a
Candidate to be Next U.S. Ambassador to Ireland

Purpose

Respond to a letter from Senator Reed recommending attorney Paul Quinn as the next U.S. Ambassador to Ireland.

Background

Senator Reed wrote commending your accomplishments in moving Ireland towards peace and reconciliation, noting Jean Kennedy Smith's contributions. The Senator's purpose, though, is to commend Washington attorney Paul Quinn as Jean's replacement, recounting Quinn's contributions to the peace process. This letter is similar to one Senator Leahy sent you in December. In your reply you thank him for the recommendation and promise to give Mr. Quinn full consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Senator Reed
Tab B Incoming correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Jack:

Thank you for your kind letter on the Northern Ireland peace process. The parties have made progress in the face of constant efforts to derail the talks. The road ahead will be difficult, but we must make the effort. I share your assessment of Jean Kennedy Smith's accomplishments; we are fortunate to have her services during this historic period.

I noted your endorsement of Paul Quinn as an Ambassadorial candidate. He has indeed distinguished himself in supporting the peace process. I will give him every consideration when the time comes.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Jack Reed
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-3903

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510-3903

February 6, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500-0005

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Dear Mr. President:

Through your leadership, the United States has played a vital role in advancing the cause of peace in Northern Ireland. Our nation's current Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland, Jean Kennedy Smith, continues to do an admirable job of promoting this mission. Of course, there is still a great deal of work to be done, and if Ambassador Smith should decide to conclude her service in the Republic of Ireland, it is vitally important that the United States delegation retain the pro-active spirit that has defined her tenure.

With this in mind, I would like to recommend Paul S. Quinn as a worthy successor to Ambassador Smith at the appropriate time. Paul is one of the founding partners of Wilkerson, Barker, Knauer & Quinn, LLP., and is well known in Washington for his work as a lobbyist, Democratic supporter, and proponent of the peace process in Ireland.

The grandson of Irish immigrants, Paul has been engaged in issues concerning Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland for over 35 years. As the founder and Chairman of the Committee for a New Ireland, a U.S. based organization promoting peace through non-violence in Northern Ireland, Paul has traveled extensively in Ireland. This has afforded him the opportunity to work closely with representatives of both the Irish and British governments while forming strong personnel relationships with civic and political leaders from both traditions in Northern Ireland.

Having earned a reputation as an expert on the strife in Northern Ireland, Paul has hosted gatherings at which Irish political leaders such as John Hume have presented their views to diverse audiences. He serves on the Board of Directors of the American Fund for Ireland and has chaired the group's St. Patrick's Day National Gala for the last five years. Paul was also an early supporter of the International Fund for Ireland and worked hard to secure Congressional support for U.S. participation in this effort.

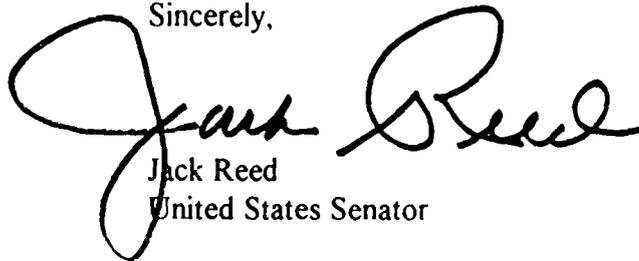
A native of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, Paul has been a close friend and associate of mine for many years. I know that he would bring great energy, knowledge, and experience to the position. Indeed, Paul would be a tremendous asset to our nation's diplomatic efforts in Ireland, and I recommend him without hesitation.

February 6, 1998

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I would be pleased to serve as a personal reference for Paul should you need any further information. Thank you for your time and consideration of a very worthy candidate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Reed". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail.

Jack Reed
United States Senator

3-6-98

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RM:

OK FOR SIGNATURE PER TODD STERN.

**RETURN ALL LETTER(S) AND ORIGINAL MEMO(S) TO STAFF
SECRETARY'S OFFICE.**

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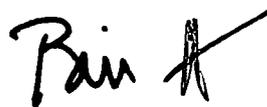
March 9, 1998

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DATE: 10 MAR 98

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH STRIPPING DESK

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SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 09 MAR 98

SUBJ: RESPONSE TO SEN REED ON PAUL QUINN AS CANDIDATE TO BE NEXT US AMB
TO IRELAND

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR DISPATCH

DUE DATE: 11 MAR 98

COMMENT:

FOR



JOHN W. FICKLIN

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