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1. SUMMARY: PRISONERS FROM LOYALIST GROUPS, THE ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION (UDA), AND THE ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS (UFF), HAVE WITHDRAWN THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS IN A STATEMENT MADE TO THEIR POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES ON SEPTEMBER 30. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO PRISONERS BY THEIR PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS, THE DECISION COULD POTENTIALLY LEAD TO THE BREAK DOWN OF THE LOYALIST CEASE-FIRE. PRISONERS WITH ALLEGIANCE TO THE LOYALIST PARAMILITARY GROUP, THE ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE (UVF), HAVE NOT YET COME TO A DECISION. END SUMMARY.

2. LOYALIST PRISONERS HAVE PLAYED AN INFLUENTIAL ROLE IN THE LOYALIST CEASE-FIRE WHICH IS TWO YEARS OLD THIS MONTH. PARAMILITARY LEADERS HELD LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH PRISONERS JUST THREE DAYS BEFORE THE CEASE-FIRE WAS CALLED ON OCTOBER 13, 1994. POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE KEPT

LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES INFORMED OF POLITICAL AND SECURITY RELATED DEVELOPMENTS AND HAVE REGULARLY MADE KNOWN THE PRISONERS' VIEWS ON ASPECTS OF THE PEACE PROCESS. THESE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE REPORTED THE INCREASING DISILLUSIONMENT AND DISCONTENT FELT IN THE PRISONS WITH THE LACK OF POLITICAL PROGRESS, THE CONTINUATION OF IRA OPERATIONS IN ENGLAND, AND THE ABSENCE OF ANY MOVEMENT ON THE ISSUE OF EARLY RELEASE DATES. THE SEPTEMBER 30 STATEMENT BLAMED "IRA ACTIVITY AND POLITICIANS INACTIVITY" FOR THE LOYALIST PRISONERS' DECISION TO WITHDRAW SUPPORT FOR THE PEACE PROCESS.

3. JOHN WHITE, ULSTER DEMOCRATIC PARTY (UDP), WHO MET THE PRISONERS' SPOKESMEN, SAID THAT THEY HAD ALSO LOST CONFIDENCE THAT THE POLITICAL TALKS COULD ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND. WHITE SAID, "THE REPUBLICANS ARE TALKING PEACE BUT PREPARING FOR WAR. THE PRISONERS WERE VERY CRITICAL OF SINN FEIN AND THE IRA. THEY DON'T BELIEVE THEY ARE COMMITTED TO THE PEACE PROCESS AT ALL...THEY WERE ALSO CRITICAL AT THE LACK OF MOVEMENT TOWARDS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN THE TALKS PROCESS." HOWEVER, WHITE EMPHASIZED THAT THE PRISONERS WERE NOT ADVOCATING THAT THE PARAMILITARIES GO BACK ON A WAR FOOTING. WHITE'S UDP PARTY COLLEAGUE, JOE ENGLISH, SAID THAT THE PARTY WOULD WORK TO "ARTICULATE THEIR (PRISONERS) VIEWS AND KEEP THEM ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW..." BUT WARNED THAT THE SITUATION HAD BEEN STEADILY DETERIORATING SINCE THE IRA BOMBED CANARY WHARF IN LONDON LAST FEBRUARY. HE WARNED OF "DIRE CONSEQUENCES FOR EVERYONE" IF THE LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES END THEIR CEASE-FIRE.

4. ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY (UUP) SECURITY SPOKESMAN KEN MAGINNIS BLAMED THE IRISH GOVERNMENT FOR THE CRISIS. "WHEN THE IRA HAD A CEASE-FIRE THEY WERE PANDERED TO IN THE MOST TANGIBLE WAY BY THE IRISH, THE BRITISH AND THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS. IF THIS CEASE-FIRE BREAKS DOWN, THE BLAME MUST LIE WITH THE INTRANSIGENCE OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT," MAGINNIS OPINED. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY RETURN TO VIOLENCE WOULD BE "PLAYING INTO THE HANDS OF REPUBLICANS."

5. KEVIN MCQUILLAN, IRISH REPUBLICAN SOCIALIST PARTY (IRSP), THE POLITICAL WING OF THE IRISH NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (INLA) SAID HE WAS CONCERNED BUT NOT SURPRISED BY THE DECISION. MCQUILLAN PLACED THE BLAME FOR THE STATE OF THE PEACE PROCESS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND UNIONIST PARTIES. THEIR "ANTICS", HE SAID, HAD "SUCCEEDED IN REDUCING THE SEARCH FOR PERMANENT PEACE TO A SICK FARCE." MCQUILLAN ALSO POINTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF WHAT HE CALLED THE "BILLY WRIGHT - DUP AXIS OF MILITANT UNIONISM" (A

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SUBJECT: LOYALIST CEASE-FIRE IN JEOPARDY AS UDA
AND UFF PRISONERS WITHDRAW SUPPORT

FOR THE PEACE PROCESS

UDA TO MAVERICK LOYALIST BILLY WRIGHT AND THE
SUBSEQUENT DENOUNCING OF THE UDA BY THE
DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY (DUP)) AND SAID IT WAS NO
SURPRISE THAT THE "UDA FEEL THE NEED TO FLEX SOME
MUSCLE."

6. THE PRISONERS OF THE ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE
HAVE NOT REACHED A DECISION AS TO WHETHER THEY
WILL ALSO WITHDRAW SUPPORT FOR THE PEACE PROCESS.
CONSULTATIONS WITH THEM ARE UNDER WAY AND A
DECISION IS EXPECTED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
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1. SUMMARY: DAVID TRIMBLE, LEADER OF THE ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY (UUP) ACCUSED LONDON AND DUBLIN

GOVERNMENTS OF PUTTING THE NORTHERN IRELAND MULTI-PARTY TALKS AT RISK BECAUSE OF THEIR STANCE ON DECOMMISSIONING OF TERRORIST WEAPONS. TRIMBLE ACCUSED BOTH GOVERNMENTS OF TRYING TO "BURY" THE ARMS ISSUE. SEAMUS MALLON OF THE SOCIAL, DEMOCRATIC AND LABOR PARTY (SDLP) SAID UNIONISTS WERE "IMPERILLING THE FUTURE OF THE PEACE PROCESS." END SUMMARY.

2. SPEAKING AT A SEPTEMBER 30 NEWS CONFERENCE, UUP LEADER DAVID TRIMBLE CHARGED GOVERNMENTS IN LONDON AND DUBLIN OF TRYING TO EASE SINN FEIN INTO THE MULTI-PARTY TALKS. TRIMBLE ACCUSED BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR OF "CARRYING A TORCH FOR SINN FEIN," AND SAID THE KEY ISSUE WAS WHETHER DUBLIN AND LONDON WERE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE DECOMMISSIONING ISSUE, "OR WHETHER THEY ARE SO WEDDED TO THE PROSPECT OF BRINGING SINN FEIN INTO THE PROCESS THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO ABORT THE PROCESS OR PUT IT AT RISK." TRIMBLE SAID UNIONISTS ONLY AGREED TO LET DUBLIN INTO SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS "FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT THE BULK OF WEAPONRY IS IN THE SOUTH." THE UUP LEADER SAID HIS PARTY WAS STICKING BY THEIR DEMAND FOR A GENUINE CEASEFIRE,

HANDOVER AND VERIFICATION OF WEAPONS BEFORE SINN FEIN IS ADMITTED TO THE PROCESS. THE UUP LEADER ACCUSED THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S MULTI-PARTY TALKS DELEGATION OF BLOCKING TACTICS WITH THEIR DESIRE TO PUT THE ARMS ISSUE "ON THE LONG FINGER."

3. TRIMBLE DESCRIBED A UUP PAPER BEING SUBMITTED TO THE BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS AS "REASONABLE AND REALISTIC." IT SETS OUT THE PARTY'S POSITION ON DECOMMISSIONING AND INSISTS THAT BEFORE ENTRY TO NEGOTIATIONS, STRUCTURES SHOULD BE IN PLACE THAT WOULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR THE HANDOVER OF ILLEGAL WEAPONS. THE PAPER ALSO PROPOSED NO ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS BE ADMITTED TO THE NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL THEY HAVE "ADEQUATELY DEMONSTRATED THEIR COMMITMENT TO PEACE."

4. BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS HAVE RESPONDED WITH ISSUED STATEMENTS UNDERLINING THEIR COMMITMENT TO ARMS DECOMMISSIONING OF ALL ILLEGALLY-HELD WEAPONS ON LINES SET OUT IN THE INTERNATIONAL BODY'S REPORT. THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE SAID IT WAS COMMITTED TO ALL ASPECTS OF THAT REPORT, INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR "THE COMPROMISE APPROACH" OF PARALLEL DECOMMISSIONING SAYING "WE BELIEVE THAT THIS CONSTITUTES A REALISTIC WAY FORWARD WHICH COULD ACTUALLY ACHIEVE DECOMMISSIONING." DUBLIN SAID IT BELIEVED THE ONLY WAY FORWARD WAS FOR ALL TALKS' PARTICIPANTS TO WORK TOGETHER IN GOOD FAITH TO IMPLEMENT THE MITCHELL REPORT.

5. DEPUTY LEADER SEAMUS MALLON OF THE SDLP ACCUSED THE UUP OF DELAYING PROGRESS AT THE MULTI-PARTY TALKS AND SAID THE UNIONISTS WERE PUTTING UP PRE-CONDITIONS WHICH IMPERILLED THE FUTURE OF THE PROCESS. "THE UNIONIST LEADERSHIP IS NOW DEMANDING FROM A PROCESS WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE SINN FEIN, AN OUTCOME WHICH CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED, IF AT ALL, FROM A PROCESS WHICH INCLUDES SINN FEIN AND THE LOYALIST PARTIES. EITHER THEY ARE DELIBERATELY SETTING AN IMPOSSIBLE TEST FOR THE PRESENT PROCESS OR ELSE THEY HAVE NO FAITH WHATEVER THAT THE PRESENT FORMAT CAN LAST OR DELIVER A RESULT.... UNIONIST LEADERS MUST KNOW THAT THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE DECOMMISSIONING PRE-CONDITION IS BOUND TO BE INTERPRETED AS A SIMPLE REFUSAL TO MEET THE OTHER PARTIES WHO STAND ON THE SOLID GROUND OF THE MITCHELL REPORT." MALLON SAID.
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SUBJECT: BRUTON SAYS HE AND MAJOR AGREE TO "PUSH
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REF: (A) LONDON 12149 (B) DUBLIN 5091

1. TAOISEACH JOHN BRUTON AND PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR BRIEFLY DISCUSSED NORTHERN IRELAND ON THE MARGINS OF THE EU'S SPECIAL SUMMIT IN DUBLIN ON OCTOBER 5. BRUTON TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE AND MAJOR AGREED TO "PUSH THE PARTIES AS MUCH AS WE CAN" IN THE DIRECTION OF COMPROMISE WITH ONE ANOTHER.

2. THE IRISH GOVERNMENT TRANSCRIPT OF BRUTON'S REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO A REPORTER'S QUESTION ON THE NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

Q. JUST A FINAL QUESTION IN RELATION TO NORTHERN IRELAND. YOU HAD A BRIEF MEETING WITH MR. MAJOR TO REVIEW THE PEACE PROCESS. YOU BOTH COMMITTED YOURSELVES AGAIN TO THE STORMONT TALKS, CALLED ON THE PARTIES OF THOSE TALKS TO SHOW COMPROMISE. BUT CAN THAT IN THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, BE ANYTHING MORE THAN A WORTHY, BUT PRETTY FUTILE GESTURE?

A. WELL, OBVIOUSLY AT TODAY'S MEETING WE WERE ONLY ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS VERY IMPORTANT MATTER IN THE MARGINS,

IN BETWEEN OTHER DISCUSSIONS, AND THE DISCUSSIONS, AS YOU CAN SEE, HAVE BEEN VERY INTENSE IN ANY EVENT. BUT I THINK IT IS VERY CLEAR FROM THE DISCUSSIONS I HAVE HAD IN RECENT DAYS WITH JOHN MAJOR, AND AGAIN HERE TODAY, THAT BOTH HE AND I, AND THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE THE TALKS WORK.

WE REAFFIRM THAT THIS IS THE FIRST OCCASION ALMOST, IN THE HISTORY OF NORTHERN IRELAND, THAT THERE HAS BEEN A TALKS PROCESS IN EXISTENCE IN WHICH ALL OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT CAN TAKE PART. NO PREVIOUS PROCESS WAS TRULY OPEN TO ALL OF THE PARTIES IN THE WAY THAT THIS PROCESS IS, AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL THE PARTIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND SHOULD RECOGNISE THAT THIS IS TRULY AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY, AND THAT WE MUST USE IT. AND THE WAY TO USE IT IS BY NOT SIMPLY ARTICULATING LONG-HELD, WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS OF THEIR OWN COMMUNITY. BUT RATHER, BY SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND AND ACCOMMODATE THE POSITION OF TRADITIONAL ANTAGONISTS, AND IF THERE HAS BEEN A MEASURE OF IMPATIENCE BY OBSERVERS, IT HAS BEEN BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN A TENDENCY IN THE DISCUSSIONS UP TO NOW FOR SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS AT LEAST TO PUT UNDUE EMPHASIS ON A REITERATION OF THEIR OWN WELL-KNOWN HISTORIC CONCERNS, AND LESS EMPHASIS ON THE NEED TO MOVE TOWARDS THE POSITION OF OTHERS. AND WHAT I THINK JOHN MAJOR AND I HAVE AGREED THAT WHAT WE WILL DO IS, TO PUSH THE PARTIES AS MUCH AS WE CAN - AND OBVIOUSLY THE PARTIES MUST BE WILLING TO MOVE THEMSELVES IF THERE IS TO BE MOVEMENT - BUT THAT WE WILL MOVE THEM AS MUCH AS WE CAN IN THE DIRECTION OF COMPROMISE WITH ONE ANOTHER.

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SUBJ: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRIME MINISTER
OF IRELAND JOHN BRUTON (S/S 9617661)

TEXT:
UNCLAS STATE 212385

E.O. 12958: N/A
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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRIME MINISTER
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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRIME MINISTER JOHN BURTON AT APPROPRIATE TIME. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND WISHES TO DO SO. THE SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW BY POUCH.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

OCTOBER 1, 1996

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

IT WAS AN HONOR TO WELCOME YOU BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE. WAS PLEASED WE HAD THE CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE PEACE PROCESS IN NORTHERN IRELAND, AND I REMAIN OPTIMISTIC OVER THE DETERMINATION AND COMMITMENT DISPLAYED BY BOTH THE IRISH AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

I WAS ALSO GLAD TO SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS ON U.S.-EU INITIATIVES, INCLUDING EFFORTS TO COMBAT INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

THE TEA SET IS A BEAUTIFUL SYMBOL OF GOODWILL, AND I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTINUED THOUGHTFULNESS. MRS. CLINTON JOINS ME IN SENDING BEST WISHES TO YOU AND MRS. BRUTON.

SINCERELY,

BILL CLINTON
(SIGNED SIGNATURE)

HIS EXCELLENCY
JOHN BRUTON
PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND
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TALBOTT

SECT: SECTION: 01 OF 01

SSN: 2385

TOR: 961010160539 M2441086

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SUBJ: SENIOR UNIONIST CALLS ON USG TO "PUNISH"

SINN FEIN

TEXT:

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CA/VO/L/C FOR JPRITCHETT

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SINN FEIN

1. REG EMPEY, A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY (UUP) AND A MEMBER OF HIS PARTY'S DELEGATION AT THE STORMONT TALKS, HAS CALLED ON THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO "HELP PUNISH" SINN FEIN IN THE WAKE OF THE LISBURN BOMB. EMPEY CALLED ON THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO IMPLEMENT A SERIES OF MEASURES AIMED AT DISMANTLING THE SINN FEIN FUND-RAISING NETWORK IN THE U.S. FIRST OF ALL, THE FRIENDS OF SINN FEIN OFFICE SHOULD BE "FORCIBLY" CLOSED DOWN AND THEIR ASSETS SEIZED BEFORE THEY CAN BE USED TO FINANCE MORE TERRORIST ATTACKS, EMPEY URGED. HE ALSO CALLED FOR VISA APPLICATIONS FROM SINN FEIN PERSONNEL TO BE REFUSED, "WHETHER FOR FUNDRAISING OR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES." FINALLY, EMPEY SAID THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD "MAKE CLEAR THEIR SUPPORT FOR A POLITICAL PROCESS INVOLVING DEMOCRATS ALONE." HE SAID HE WAS CONCERNED THAT NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR ANTHONY LAKE HAD REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WOULD MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE

LEADERSHIP OF SINN FEIN DESPITE THE RECENT IRA
BOMBING.
STEPHENS

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PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRIME
MINISTER MAJOR.

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BEGIN TEXT:

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DEAR JOHN:

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I WRITE TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO ALL WHO WERE
INJURED IN THE TERRIBLE OCTOBER 7 ATTACK BY THE IRA ON LISBURN
BARRACKS. ALL OF US HERE ARE SHOCKED AND OUTRAGED BY THE
ATTACK, AND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE VICTIMS
AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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YOUR COURAGE AND TENACITY HAVE ALREADY GIVEN NORTHERN
IRELAND MUCH HOPE. I KNOW YOU WILL FACE SOME DIFFICULT
MOMENTS IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS AHEAD. I WILL LOSE NO
OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR DETERMINATION TO MOVE
FORWARD WITH THE STORMONT TALKS AND PEACE PROCESS IN SPITE
OF THIS SETBACK. WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAISE PUBLICLY THE
RESTRAINT AND COURAGE OF THE LOYALIST LEADERS AND HOPE THEY
WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THEIR CEASE-FIRE.

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AS ALWAYS, IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU THINK I CAN DO TO HELP,
PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

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SINCERELY,

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BILL

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