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Berger / Vershbow

- Emphasizing U.S. role ...
 - watershed develop
 - Very important
 - great tribute to vision & courage of R & M
- U.S. played an import. role

~~Our~~

Q: Permanent?

A: Based on what we know, our hope & expectation that that's the intent. ~~No~~, Time will tell.

Time to turn to the political process, & try to work out a lasting settlement thru. dialogue

Q: Envoy?

A: ~~Under circ.~~, What Pres. reflected in campaign was his desire to facilitate process. Done so in a major way. Work in coming days to support process any way we can

Q: ~~No~~ Summit?

A: No plans, but won't rule out

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Michael McHenry.

Contingency Press Guidance: Northern Ireland

(IF ASKED)

Q: Were visas issued to IRA members to travel to the U.S.?

A: Limited B-2, single entry visas were issued Tuesday morning (August 30) in Dublin to Sinn Fein officials Joe Cahill and Patrick Trainor.

Q: Aren't these persons convicted IRA terrorists?

A: In accordance with our immigration law, the Attorney General authorized the State Department to waive their ^(status) ineligibilities to issue a temporary, limited visa. The purpose of their visit is to enable Sinn Fein to garner support in the U.S. for an end to violence in Northern Ireland. We hope their short visit to the United States will forward the peace process in Northern Ireland. We continue to call on the IRA and all those who seek to have sought to achieve political goals through violence to permanently and unconditionally cease to do so.

Q: Were the British consulted on these visas? Did they oppose this step, as they did the Gerry Adams visa?

A: We discussed this issue and the current efforts to end the violence in Northern Ireland with both the British and Irish governments. Our policy toward Northern Ireland continues to be based on supporting the joint efforts of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland to achieve peace and a just political settlement in Northern Ireland. You should direct your questions about their views to the respective governments.

Q: The Irish press is reporting the Administration is prepared to give \$200 million in aid to Northern Ireland if there is an IRA ceasefire. True?

A: We've made no decision on any possible ^{additional} assistance in the event of a ceasefire. The U.S. presently appropriates some \$20 million annually to the International Fund for Ireland. We will continue to be active in looking for ways to encourage and support peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

Q: Did the Pres sign off?

A: Yes. It was a Presidential decision.

Brits: Consulted. Told us their pos. -- would prefer them to wait until end of violence. But it's their decision.



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31 August 1994

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Ms Dee Dee Myers
Press Secretary
to The President

Dear Dee Dee,

Rod Lyne has just been on the 'phone to follow up the President's conversation with the Prime Minister. He asked me to pass on the Prime Minister's hope that any statement by the President would reflect the following points:

(a) Describe the IRA's decision as a cessation of, or end to, violence, not a "cease-fire", which implies something temporary.

(b) Emphasise the need for the cessation of violence to be permanent.

(c) Words must now be reflected in deeds.

Needless to say, we would be very grateful for anything you can do to make the same points in your oral briefings today.

With very best wishes,

Peter.

Peter Westmacott

*Please call me on 898 - 4239
if any problems.*



10 DOWNING STREET

Press Notice**STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER**

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It calls for a permanent end to violence and offers a balanced opportunity for all to play a full part in the future political life of Northern Ireland.

The IRA have declared a complete cessation of violence. I am greatly encouraged by this, but we need to be clear that this is indeed intended to be a permanent renunciation of violence, that is to say, for good.

If it is, then many options are open. If they are genuinely and irrevocably committed to use only peaceful and democratic methods in the future, then we shall respond positively, as we said in the Joint Declaration. Let words now be reflected in deeds.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

August 31, 1994

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I welcome today's watershed announcement by the IRA that it has decided to end the 25-year campaign of violence and pursue the path of peace. While much work remains to be done, the IRA's decision to join the political process marks the beginning of a new era that holds the promise of peace for all the people of Northern Ireland.

I have just spoken with Prime Minister Albert Reynolds of Ireland and Prime Minister John Major of the United Kingdom to congratulate them for their persistent efforts to bring this day about. Their joint resolve to end the violence and pursue a negotiated settlement has been crucial to the progress made to date. Their historic Joint Declaration last December, together with the Anglo-Irish agreement of 1985, have built the foundation for the new hope we have today. I am pleased that the United States has been able to contribute to this process of reconciliation.

We join with the governments of the United Kingdom and Ireland in the hope and expectation that today's step will help bring a lasting and just peace to Northern Ireland. I urge the IRA and all who have supported it to fulfill the promise of today's announcement to end the use and support of violence, just as we continue to call on all parties who have sought to achieve political goals through violence to cease to do so. There must be a permanent end to the violence.

The United States continues to stand ready to assist in advancing the process of peace in Northern Ireland. We hope that both traditions -- Unionist and Nationalist -- will support the only real avenue to peace, that of a negotiated settlement to the conflict.

DRAFT