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Ruby -

I need to know

Alexis's opinion on

This on ASAP

Thank you

Collen



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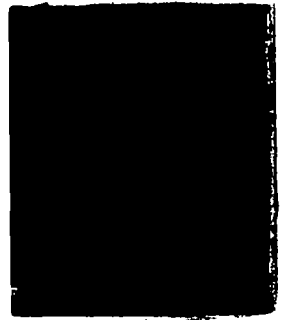
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Collen -

1) See if Alexis
agrees...

2) if so, stuff
out as an
accept subject
to Susan Brophy
saying they
have the \$\$

Ruby



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Susan & Nancy
agree that it would
be easy to raise enough
\$\$ for a tent. One
would be necessary
for a crowd of 500+
people.

This is an important
constituency and I am
inclined, Subject to
\$\$ in hand up
front, to approve this.
I'll make sure Alex's
concerns. Your thoughts?

Felix

Schedule Proposal

date: January 25, 1995

	ACCEPT	REGRET	PENDING
TO:	Billy Webster		
FROM:	Patrick Griffin Anthony Lake <i>hug</i>		
REQUEST:	Cocktail Reception during the President's Conference on Investment in Northern Ireland.		
PURPOSE:	The conference, which was to be held in Philadelphia in April has been scheduled for May 25 in Washington, D.C. A White House reception would highlight the President's commitment to this issue.		
DATE AND TIME:	Thursday, May 25		
DURATION:	TBD		
LOCATION:	State Floor.		
PARTICIPANTS:	List TBD, approximately 500 people from the Conference and from the Irish Community.		
REMARKS REQUIRED:			
MEDIA COVERAGE:	Pool coverage		
FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE:	YES		
VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE:	Optional		
SECOND LADY'S ATTENDANCE:	Optional		
ORIGIN OF PROPOSAL:	Susan Brophy and Nancy Soderberg		
RECOMMENDED BY:	Patrick Griffin and Anthony Lake		
CONTACT:	Pat Griffin or Cassie O'Neill (6-6735)		

Jack
me
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WASHINGTON

January 26, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR ERSKINE BOWLES
HAROLD ICKES

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *gm*

SUBJECT: Proposed Event around the Presidential Conference on
Investment in Northern Ireland/May 25

*Billy - 1/27
Political (at)
Should be back to
make a recommendation
a own*

As you are aware, the President announced his sponsorship of a Presidential Conference on Economic Development in Northern Ireland in early November. The conference was originally scheduled to be held in Philadelphia in April but was moved to Washington and rescheduled to May 24 and 25 in order to save money and to ensure the President's participation. In addition, the announcement of Philadelphia was originally made to assist Senator Wofford's re-election bid.

The conference is being coordinated by Senator Mitchell, working out of the State Department, in concert with the Commerce Department.

The President is scheduled to give the keynote address at the conference on Thursday, May 25. At the suggestion of Senator Mitchell and the interagency task force, (including NSC), I am requesting that a cocktail reception be held for conference participants (possibly as many as 750 people) at the White House on Thursday, May 25.

Our reasons for this sizeable request are as follows. The President has taken an active interest in the peace process and is given enormous credit by many for putting that nation on the road to peace -- initially by permitting a visa for Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams in February 1993, later by sponsoring this conference and increasing the U.S. contribution to the International Fund for Ireland (IFI), and generally by raising the furtherance of peace in Northern Ireland as a top U.S. foreign policy objective.

Therefore, closely aligning the Administration to this conference and the pursuit of peace in Ireland has domestic and foreign policy benefits. The President's efforts on behalf of Northern Ireland are seen throughout the world as having stabilized that country and at least temporarily, have produced an end to sectarian violence.

In addition, 40 million Americans are of Irish descent (or say they are), and most are Catholic. Many of these folks are Reagan Democrats and have not been supportive of the President. Nevertheless, despite disagreements with the Administration on other issues, the President is given enormous credit for his role on an issue many care deeply about.

I would further recommend that we augment the conference (and possible social event) with briefings at the White House for Irish Americans who will be traveling from all over the country to attend the conference to highlight the Administration's efforts. I believe that these activities will be helpful in reaching out to this important community.

CC: Billy Webster
Anne Walley

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