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TOUR BY CAR

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SCENESETTER
FALLS ROAD/SHANKILL ROAD

I. CONTEXT OF THE EVENT

In conjunction with the speech at Mackies, you will drive through the residential areas of West Belfast, which symbolize the divided communities.

II. BACKGROUND

The Falls Road and Shankill Road are both situated in West Belfast. In common usage, the two names are not restricted to the actual streets, but encompass the surrounding districts also: "the Falls" and "the Shankill."

Although the West Belfast paramilitary constituency is a majority Roman Catholic area, it has a Protestant minority (10 percent) concentrated in the Shankill Road area. Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams was previously elected MP for the area, but the seat was won by Joe Hendron of the SDLP in 1992. It is believed that many Shankill Road Protestants voted tactically to ensure his election rather than that of Gerry Adams. The Falls Road is a Roman Catholic district and stronghold of Irish Nationalism and Republicanism. Sinn Fein has main offices on the Falls Road and the IRA draws strong support in the area.

The Falls and the Shankill have become symbolic of the two communities in Northern Ireland. Previously a less divided area, West Belfast experienced violent population shifts and consequent "ghetto-ization" of the Falls and Shankill districts in the early stages of the sectarian conflict in late 1960's. The two districts have been the scene of many acts of sectarian violence. The "Shankill Road Butchers" were a notorious Loyalist murder gang. An IRA bombing in a food shop on the Shankill Road in 1994 killed eight people and is widely viewed as having turned many people away from supporting violence. The bomber was killed in the explosion; Gerry Adams was a pallbearer at his funeral.

In flashpoint areas, high walls -- the Peace Line -- have been built between the two districts to prevent stone throwing, fighting, gasoline bombings, shootings and other acts of random violence. Roads between the two districts have often been closed to prevent terrorist attacks but since the cease-fire fifteen months ago have remained open.

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SPEECH AT MACKIE PLANT

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SCENESETTER
MACKIE INTERNATIONAL GROUP PLANT

Your speech at Mackies will be your first major event in Northern Ireland and the second of the two major speeches you will make during your visit to the UK and Ireland.

"Mackies" has been one of Belfast's major business enterprises for the last 150 years. During that time, it has supplied textile and carpet manufacturing machinery throughout the world. Although it has some sales to the United States, most of its business now is in China and South Asia. Today, it is the last, large-scale engineering plant left in West Belfast. It is a union shop.

The Mackie plant is situated on the Springfield Road on a site that adjoins Protestant and Roman Catholic communities. This is an area that has suffered greatly through economic decline and violence during Northern Ireland's time of troubles. It is in the parliamentary constituency of Joe Hendron MP (SDLP), who has consistently opposed violence and fought hard to move the constituency away from Sinn Fein.

In the past, the company has been criticized for not hiring enough Roman Catholics in its work force. Now, however, it is widely respected for its efforts to ensure fair practices and to maintain a neutral environment where members of both communities can work together. The current company president, Pat Dugan, is a Catholic.

An OPIC-based U.S. investor had an interest in Mackie until 1992, when that company went bankrupt. OPIC reached an amicable agreement with current ownership to restructure its involvement. There is no U.S. interest held in the company at this time.

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**BELFAST
ENTERPRISE PARK**

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SCENESETTER AND EVENT PAPER
EAST BELFAST ENTERPRISE PARK LIMITED/IFI SITE

I. KEY OBJECTIVES

- Reach out to the Unionist community to show the U.S. is evenhanded and that the IFI benefits unionist areas, as well as the nationalist community.
- Discuss with managers and tenants of the park their experiences in starting new businesses.

II. CONTEXT OF EVENT

East Belfast is a Democratic Unionist party constituency held by Peter Robinson, M.P. who has been the Rev. Ian Paisley's deputy for many years. You will be visiting the East Belfast Enterprise Park which has been partially funded with money from the International Fund for Ireland (IFI). Many Unionists have been critical of the IFI as favoring Catholic projects in nationalist areas. You will be met by Robinson and two other political leaders who are involved in the Enterprise Park, UUP Deputy Chairman John Taylor and Alliance Party leader John Alderdice.

III. BACKGROUND

At the park you will be meeting with four small business entrepreneurs from enterprise parks in Belfast, two from Protestant areas and two from Catholic areas. They will want to tell you about their experiences with starting businesses in a divided city; you may want to ask them how things are different since the cease-fire.

East Belfast is a predominantly Protestant area that for a long time was identified with the engineering industries. Industrial decline has led to a high rate of unemployment in the area. As part of the response to this problem the East Belfast Enterprise Park was completed in 1994 following a \$2 million investment by LEDU (a public sector small business development agency), the International Fund for Ireland (IF), the Making Belfast Work initiative, and the European Regional Development Fund. The U.S. appropriates \$19.6 million per year to the IFI. Jim Lyons is the U.S. non-voting board member of the IFI. Other contributors are Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the EU, the largest contributor per annum.

TALKING POINTS FOR
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AT EAST BELFAST ENTERPRISE PARK

- Both nationalist and unionist areas have been victims of violence and industrial decline.
- The IFI and other organizations have taken positive steps to engage both communities in enterprise development to stimulate new industries and give people hope.
- Both communities benefit from peace. Peace brings additional investment, as well as governmental and international redevelopment grants.
- U.S. is supporting economic regeneration in Northern Ireland. Want to see how this support translates into improvement in people's lives.
- Interested in your experiences in seeking to establish businesses in Belfast -- what particular problems have you encountered?
- How are things different since the cease-fire?
- What are areas where additional support would be welcome?

EAST BELFAST ENTERPRISE PARK
ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS

- **Sammy Douglas**, Chairman, East Belfast Partnership (one of four new area partnerships set up to focus on economic and social regeneration in each of Belfast's communities -- a mix of council members, community and business representatives.)

Sammy is head of the East Belfast Development Agency, a community development group. He is also a consultant to the International Fund for Ireland. Sammy is married with children.

- **Franklin Hunter**, age 57, owner of Renaissance Ironcraft. Frank was a redundant (laid off) sheet metal worker who was on the dole for over a year before receiving assistance from LEDU (Local Economic Development Unit), IFI (International Fund for Ireland) and EBEP (East Belfast Enterprise Park) to start his own business. He opened on November 1, 1994 and now employs 3 people, including his daughter Fiona Hunter, who will present the President with the table-top candlestick piece entitled "Light and Understanding", symbolizing Ireland, the world and the "Light" coming from both sides of the Irish question.
- **Lynne McGregor**, owner of Altered Images, a business that produces framed photographic images engraved onto mirrors. She is a single mother of two children, previously unemployed and on the dole. She started Altered Images in June 1995 with assistance from LEDU, IFI and EBEP.
- **Shame McCusker**, owner of a neon sign business and tenant of Bryson Street community Enterprise Partnership, a group similar to EBEP located close by in the "Short Strand," a Catholic area surrounded by the heavily Protestant working class East Belfast area. Bryson Street is funded by the Community Economic Regeneration Scheme (CERS), a community-based similar to LEDU.
- **Margaret Alton**, owner of Let's Pretend, a manufacturer of children's dress outfits. She is a tenant of the West Belfast Enterprise Park on the Crumlin Road on a mixed Protestant-Catholic area. She opened her business with support from LEDU.

- **John Mageen**, Chairman of the Belfast Enterprise Area Network (BEAN). He is a highly successful businessman, now retired, who is also Chairman of the Glenwood Enterprise Agency, which services the West Belfast and Poleglass areas, both very deprived locations. On the roundtable, he represents the interests of the managers of the various enterprise parks.
- **David Blevings**, Manager, East Belfast Enterprise Park. David came to EBEP in March 1994, during its construction. The facility opened in November 1994. Prior to EBEP, he managed Workspace, one of Northern Ireland's most highly reputed enterprise areas. He is a surveyor by training and previously worked in property development. He is married with no children.
- **North Belfast Enterprise Park Tenant to be Determined**

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**MEET AND GREET
CITIZENS OF DERRY**

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SPECIAL NOTE

Londonderry or Derry?

The very name of the city is a bone of contention between nationalists and unionists. The traditional and historical name for the city was "Derry," which means "oak" in Gaelic. The name "Londonderry" derives from the historical association between the city and the medieval trade guilds of the City of London. At the time of the Ulster Plantation in the early 17th Century, the guilds were given a royal charter by James I to build a walled city on the banks of the Foyle. This is the origin of the "London" in Londonderry.

Nationalists will always refer to the city as Derry. Staunchly conservative Unionists will insist on "Londonderry." Since the correct legal name for the city is Londonderry, **the usual pattern for speeches and conversation is of beginning with "Londonderry" and then mixing references to that and "Derry" or "the people of Derry."** Persons wishing to be impartial can also refer to the city by other names such as "the city of many names," "the Northwest," "along the banks of the River Foyle," or "the maiden city." (The walls of Londonderry/Derry were never successfully breached by any besieger.) **The President should not refer to the city as "Stroke city," a colloquial phrase referring to the punctuation separating "Londonderry/Derry."**

SCENESETTER
WALKING TOUR OF THE
LONDONDERRY/DERRY CITY WALLS

I. CONTEXT OF THE EVENT

Following the Guildhall-Tip O'Neill Chair Event, you will take a short walking tour around the City Walls.

II. BACKGROUND

The Londonderry/Derry city walls are an important emblem of the city and have historical significance. The walls have withstood three sieges; the most famous of the sieges was the Great Siege of 1688 when (Protestant) troops loyal to Prince William of Orange withstood a siege by (Catholic) forces loyal to James II. The Relief of Derry, along with the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, signaled the failure of the Counter-Reformation in the British Isles and have become symbols of the "No Surrender" attitude of today's Unionists.

In the late 1960's, Londonderry was the starting point of the Civil Rights Movement in which Catholics campaigned for fairer distribution of public housing and public sector jobs. At that time, the area within the city walls remained a Protestant preserve and soon became the target of IRA bombing attacks as the "Troubles" turned violent. In response, many Protestants moved across the River Foyle.

Today, Londonderry's walls are generally viewed as encompassing a vibrant commercial and tourism center where Cityside Catholics, Waterside Protestants and even "Southerners" from across the border in Donegal come together. Until recently, large sections of the walls were closed off for security reasons. However, with the cease-fire the walls quickly became one of the major tourist attractions in the city.

The western side of the walls overlooks the staunchly Republican Bogside neighborhood and "Free Derry Corner," with its murals commemorating the Hunger Strikers and other events in the history of the IRA campaign against British rule. Just beside the west walls is the principal lodge of the Apprentice Boys, a Loyalist fraternal organization which annually commemorates the Protestant victory in the Great Siege. This past August was the first time since the Troubles began that the Apprentice Boys were able to march around the full length of the city walls.

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**INAUGURATION
O'NEILL CHAIR**

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SCENESETTER

GUILDHALL EVENT

I. CONTEXT OF THE EVENT

The Guildhall ceremony inaugurating the Tip O'Neill Chair in Peace Studies at the Magee campus of the University of Ulster will follow your remarks to the citizens outdoors. The Chair at Magee is associated with the UN University of Conflict Resolution, which is on the University of Ulster campus. SDLP leader John Hume persuaded the America Ireland Fund to put up the \$250,000 grant for the Chair. The late Speaker of the House was very supportive of constitutional democracy in Northern Ireland and worked with Senators Kennedy, Kerry and Moynihan to stop the flow of American money and arms to support violence in Northern Ireland.

Following the inauguration of the O'Neill chair, you will have the chance to meet briefly with members of the O'Neill family and members of the American Ireland Fund, before moving to the larger reception hosted by the City Council, where you will walk a rope line.

II. BACKGROUND

The Guildhall is the seat of city government and, along with the city walls, is a traditional emblem of the city. The current Guildhall is the city's fourth town hall and was built in 1890 on reclaimed land just outside the Shipquay Gate of the city walls. The Guildhall was built at a time of great expansion for the city, expansion that drew significantly from the city's role as a major embarkation point for departing emigrants.

INAUGURATION OF THE
TIP O'NEILL CHAIR IN PEACE STUDIES

I. KEY OBJECTIVE

- Underscore contributions of the late Speaker of the House of Representatives, Tip O'Neill, and others to constitutional democracy and conflict resolution in Northern Ireland.

II. CONTEXT OF THE EVENT

The inauguration of the O'Neill chair will take place in the Londonderry/Derry Guildhall. After the ceremony, you will walk across the square with the Lord Mayor and John Hume and view the city from the famous walls around the city center.

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TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

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TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT BELFAST CITY HALL

I. KEY OBJECTIVE

- To emphasize the spirit of the season and how Belfast is experiencing a second Christmas of peace.

II. CONTEXT OF THE EVENT

After entering Belfast City Hall, you will be met by the Lord Mayor, Eric Smyth, and the City Executive, Brian Hanna. They will introduce you to the City Councilors. You will sign the guest book and then walk with the Lord Mayor to the balcony where he will introduce you. You will unveil and rededicate a plaque commemorating the arrival of the American Expeditionary Force at Belfast during World War II. After brief remarks, you will turn on the lights of the city Christmas tree. The Christmas Tree was donated by Nashville, Tennessee, sister city to Belfast.

III. BACKGROUND

The City has sponsored a Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony for more than 20 years. It has typically drawn crowds of 15,000 people or more, even during the years of the Troubles.

In 1888, Queen Victoria conferred on Belfast the status of a City. In response, the citizens built the magnificent City Hall which today stands in the heart of Belfast. Work began in 1898 and was completed by 1906. On the landing atop the Grand Staircase, there is a mural by Belfast artist John Luke which illustrates the foundation of the city and its one-time principal industries: textiles, shipbuilding, engineering and rope-making. The many stained glass windows throughout the hall commemorate events in Belfast's history and the service of its citizens during the two World Wars.

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RECEPTION QUEENS UNIVERSITY

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SCENESETTER
THE QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST

I. CONTEXT OF THE EVENT

This will be the site of the reception for all the major political and social leaders of Northern Ireland. All political parties will be represented, including Gerry Adams. If the Reverend Ian Paisley attends, it will be the first time the two of them have been under the same roof.

II. BACKGROUND

The Queen's University of Belfast was founded by Queen Victoria as a University College (alongside colleges in Cork and Galway) in 1845 and became an independent university in 1908. It remained the only university in Northern Ireland until 1965, when the University of Ulster was established.

The main university building is the Laynon Building, which dates from 1894. It is named after the architect Sir Charles Laynon, who designed many of Belfast's most significant buildings.

The Laynon Building contains the Great Hall which is used for ceremonial and social events. Close by is the Sir William Whitla Hall, which holds up to 1,250 people and is used for a variety of events including ceremonies, lectures, examinations and concerts.

The university provides courses in a wide range of subject areas and is noted as a center of excellence in medicine, law and engineering. There are 12,500 students engaged in full-time and part-time study. There is an open admission policy based on academic achievement for students from both traditions.

In recent years, the university has been criticized for underrepresentation of Roman Catholics in the work force but also for discontinuing the practice of playing the British national anthem at graduation ceremonies.

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ENCOUNTERS WITH PARTY LEADERS

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ARRIVAL CEREMONY

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SCENESETTER
ARRIVAL CEREMONY - DUBLIN

CONTEXT OF THE EVENT

A formal arrival ceremony is usual for official visits to Ireland. You will be greeted by President Mary Robinson and her husband (Nick), and by the leaders of the three parties in the Irish coalition government: Prime Minister John Bruton (Fine Gael party), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dick Spring (Labour Party) and Minister for Social Affairs, Proinsias de Rossa (Democratic Left). Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith and Irish Ambassador to the U.S. Dermot Gallagher will also be there. You will review the troops and then proceed to President Robinson's residence.

Bruton and Spring are often addressed by their Irish titles of "Taoiseach" (Tee-shock), and "Tanaiste" (Taw-nish- tah), respectively.

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**MEETING WITH
PM BRUTON**

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SCENESETTER
MEETING WITH
PRIME MINISTER JOHN BRUTON

I. CONTEXT OF THE EVENT

Taoiseach ("Tee-Shock" -- Prime Minister) John Bruton will greet you at the entrance to "Government Buildings," where his offices are located, and escort you up the ceremonial staircase to his office for a private meeting. This will be followed by talks in the "Sycamore Room," a conference room set aside for meetings with heads of state and government.

II. BACKGROUND

"Government Buildings" actually refers to just one building -- a graceful domed palace opened by King George V in 1911 to serve as the Royal College of Science. As events turned out, it was to be the last great building completed by the British government in the southern part of Ireland.

While students filled its lecture halls and the work of adding wings to either side went ahead, some of the more momentous happenings in Irish history took place in the streets outside. When the north wing was completed in 1922, it was immediately occupied by the Executive Council and government departments of the newly independent Ireland. The seat of the Irish government has remained there ever since.

The College of Science was closed during the civil disturbances of the early 1920's and its students absorbed into the new University College Dublin. In 1926, its laboratories and lecture halls were taken over by the engineering school of the same university. In 1989, the last of these students moved to the main university campus elsewhere in Dublin. A major refurbishment, completed in January 1991, has created a new life for the buildings. Restored to its former glory it is a complex suitable for the government of modern Ireland.

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PUBLIC RALLY

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SCENESETTER
BANK OF IRELAND EVENT - PUBLIC RALLY

I. CONTEXT OF THE EVENT

The rally in downtown Dublin will be the largest public event of your visit to Ireland. Approximately 60,000 to 100,000 people are expected to attend. The Freedom of the City, Dublin's highest civic honor, will be conferred on you by Lord Mayor Sean Loftus.

II. BACKGROUND

Bank of Ireland. The Bank of Ireland occupies the former Irish houses of Parliament. Architect Edward Lovett Pierce designed the building in the late 1720's. The building was largely finished at the time of Pierce's death in 1733. Substantial renovations occurred in 1792 following a fire, which destroyed the commons chamber. The Bank of Ireland purchased the premises in 1803 for 40,000 pounds.

The Bank of Ireland was founded in 1782 as a national bank and received a charter from King George III in 1783 similar to that held by the Bank of England. The Bank of Ireland served as the Irish Central Bank until 1943 when the Central Bank of Ireland was established.

Freedom of the City. The Freedom of the City of Dublin is an honorary award with roots in an ancient honor. From the late 12th century until 1918, becoming a "free citizen" conferred the right to vote and significant commercial privileges.

The honorary Freedom of the City was established in 1876. The ancient Freedom of the City was then abolished in 1918, to allow for a more democratic franchise. The honorary Freedom of the City is granted by the Dublin City Council in the form of a resolution and then conferred in a ceremony conducted by the Lord Mayor.

U.S. Presidents Ulysses S. Grant and John F. Kennedy were awarded this honor. (President Reagan was not, due primarily to U.S. policy toward Central America at the time.) Recent grantees include: Pope John Paul II (1979); Crown Prince (now emperor) Akihito of Japan and Crown Princess (now Empress) Michiko of Japan (1985); Nelson Mandela (1988); and Mother Teresa (1993).

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SPEECH AT PARLIAMENT

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SCENESETTER

IRISH PARLIAMENT

I. CONTEXT OF THE EVENT

The visit to the Irish Parliament (commonly known as "Leinster House") will follow your meeting with Prime Minister John Bruton at Government Buildings. At the front entrance of the Parliament, the Prime Minister will introduce you to a reception party consisting of the two other government coalition leaders, the speakers of the two parliamentary chambers and the leaders of the main opposition parties. You will enter the Garden Hall, which features photographs of past U.S. Presidents addressing the Parliament, and sign the distinguished visitors book.

The Prime Minister will then escort you to the chamber of the 166-member Dail (pronounced "doyle," meaning House of Representatives). On your way to the chamber, you may be shown the banner of the Irish Brigade's 69th Regiment, an Irish unit which fought gallantly on the Union side during the U.S. civil war. President Kennedy presented the banner as a gift to the Irish people during his 1963 visit to Parliament. In the Dail Chamber, there will be a joint sitting of the Parliament, including the 60 members of the Seanad (pronounced "sha-nod," meaning Senate). You will be introduced by the Speaker of the Dail, Sean Treacy, who is normally referred to by his Irish title "Ceann Comhairle" (pronounced "con-korla"). Your address to the parliament will be carried live on national television. Following your remarks, you will be thanked by the Speaker of the Senate, Liam Naughton, who goes by his Irish title "Cathaoirleach" (pronounced "ka-hear-lock").

II. BACKGROUND

The Parliament building, which dates from the mid-1700's, was originally the private residence of the Duke of Leinster. Leinster House has not been privately owned since 1815, when it became the headquarters of the Royal Dublin Society (RDS), a private organization set up to promote Irish agriculture and industry.

Leinster House has been the seat of Parliament since 1922, when Ireland won independence from the UK. Dominating the front lawn of Leinster House is a memorial to three of the most important figures in securing Irish independence: Arthur Griffith (the founder of Sinn Fein), Michael Collins (leader of the Irish Republican Army during the War of Independence) and Kevin O'Higgins (Vice-President and Minister of Home Affairs in the first Irish Free State government).

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**AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE**

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SCENESETTER
AMBASSADOR SMITH'S RESIDENCE

I. CONTEXT OF THE EVENT

You are scheduled to remain overnight at the Ambassador's residence. Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith has made this her home for the past two years. The family photographs and paintings that adorn the formal rooms recall the Kennedy era in U.S. Presidential history. The Ambassador will host a reception for Embassy staff, followed by a meet-and-greet with young artists.

II. BACKGROUND

The Ambassador's residence occupies 62 acres in Phoenix Park, a 1,760 acre complex said to be the largest Municipal Park in the world located within a city's limits. While it is popularly assumed that it was named after the mythical bird, most Irish experts believe the name may be derived from "fion uiske" which means "clear water."

The original house dates back to 1776, when the newly installed Bailiff of Phoenix Park built a home comprising two stories with great tower-like projections or bays at either end of the main south front. This house served as the official residence of the Chief Secretary of government from 1782 until 1922, when Sir Homer Greenwood, the last holder of that office, left. As a boy, Winston Churchill -- whose father served as private secretary to the Viceroy in 1878 -- roamed the gardens and woods and took great delight in riding up and down the paths in his donkey and cart.

When Ireland gained Independence in 1921, the U.S. was one of the first countries to recognize and establish diplomatic relations with the new Irish Free State. The Honorable Frederick A. Sterling was the first Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to arrive in Dublin. During the period 1927-1949, the property was leased from the Board of Works and the Government of Ireland. In 1949, a new lease for 99 years was negotiated and signed. The rent is one penny per year but only if requested! Quite a bargain.

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**DINNER HOSTED
BY PM BRUTON**

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STATE DINNER HOSTED BY
IRISH PRIME MINISTER JOHN BRUTON

I. KEY OBJECTIVE

- **Underscore the long and close relationship between the United States and Ireland brought about by generations of immigration.**

II. CONTEXT OF MEETING

Irish Prime Minister John Bruton is the official host. He is usually addressed by his Irish title, Taoiseach (pronounced TEE-shock.) Activities connected with the dinner will probably be watched on TV by most of Ireland. This is a very festive occasion and will probably evoke for many older Irish people the visit of President Kennedy. Over 200 guests are being invited to the dinner. After dinner, a popular Irish singer is expected to entertain.

You may have the opportunity to talk briefly with opposition leaders Bertie Ahern and Mary Harney

III. BACKGROUND

Dublin Castle, begun by the Normans around 1210 on the site of an old Viking stronghold, is located in the center of Dublin. It has been the scene of many of the most dramatic events in Ireland's history. For centuries it was the headquarters of British rule in Ireland and regarded by nationalists as a symbol of oppression. The dinner will be held in St. Patrick's Hall, a large, high-ceilinged room decorated in Georgian style.

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UNITED KINGDOM

Successor to NATO SYG Claes

- Every member of NATO recognizes that the choice of the New Secretary General will have significant impact on the future of the Alliance at this critical juncture in its history.
- As you know, it is a decision that requires the consensus among all 16 members of the alliance. We will continue to consult until we reach agreement with our allies on this very important matter.

Nigeria

- The United States is outraged over the gravely flawed judicial process which led to the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight others.
- These executions demonstrate to the world the Abacha regime's contempt for even the most basic international norms and universal standards of human rights.
- We have tightened our ban on visas, banned military sales and recalled our Ambassador. In addition, we are working with our allies and partners to find ways to put additional broad, international pressure on Nigeria and to move toward a democratic future and to respect the rights of its own citizens.
- We are ruling nothing in and nothing out. But any sanction must have broad international support to be effective.
- Pleased to hear that Ken Saro-Wiwa's brother, Owens Wiwa, escaped to Britain with help of Body Shop International (cosmetic retailing firm).

Russia/NIS

U.S. Stake in Relationship

- U.S. has vital stake in engaging Russia and supporting reform there. Matters greatly to us if Russia dictatorship or democracy, centrally planned or market-oriented economy.
- Long-term strategy. Transformation underway will be complex, protracted. Struggle going on between those who support reform and those who oppose or fear change.
- Engagement producing important successes: reducing nuclear threat, over 50% of Russian GDP now from private sector, no Russian troops in Central Europe or Baltics.
- President's productive meeting with Yeltsin at Hyde Park on October 23 underscored stability, inner strength of U.S.-Russia partnership.

Yeltsin

- Have exchanged messages with Yeltsin recently on Dayton agreement and on need to continue working closely together to bolster peace in Bosnia.
- Still in hospital but taking on increasingly active schedule..

December 17 Russian Elections to be Postponed?

- President Yeltsin, Prime Minister Chernomyrdin and other Russian officials have said parliamentary elections will go ahead as scheduled December 17. Regard these elections as important step in Russia's continuing process of building democracy.

Chechnya

- Have seen reports of attack against Chechen Prime Minister Zavgayev (Moscow-backed). Condemn attacks whose purpose is to further set back peace effort in Chechnya.
- While formal Russian-Chechen talks suspended, sides have held informal working meetings, and Moscow has reiterated its commitment to pursue negotiated settlement.
- Dispute in Chechnya can only be resolved by negotiated settlement. Urge sides to work together to implement military agreement and to find political solution.

Cuts in/Conditions on Bilateral Aid

- Have differences with Russians on important areas. Working hard to resolve these.
- But our assistance advances critical U.S. interests. It helps reformers succeed in building a democracy and a market economy, and it helps reduce nuclear threat to U.S. Not in our interest to cut this assistance.

Perry-Grachev on Russia and Bosnia IFOR

- Perry and Grachev agreed on November 8 on military framework under which Russian combat forces will participate in a Bosnia peace implementation operation. Warmly welcome this understanding, as we consider Russian participation in Bosnia peace implementation important and desirable.

Russian Concerns about NATO Enlargement

- Understand Russia has concerns about NATO enlargement. Intend to manage enlargement process in deliberate, transparent manner that threatens no country and strengthens security and stability of Europe as a whole.
- Russia a key player in building stable, undivided Europe. Our goal is to develop NATO-Russia relationship in parallel with NATO's process of taking in new members. Robust NATO-Russia relationship in interests of U.S., Europe and Russia.

Iran Reactor Sale

- President has discussed Bushehr reactor sale with Yeltsin. Vice President and Prime Minister Chernomyrdin continuing serious dialogue on issue.
- Have made clear and continue to stress our opposition to any nuclear cooperation with Iran, given Tehran's ambitions to acquire nuclear weapons capability.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Purpose of Trip

- Visit will help celebrate 15 months of peace in Northern Ireland.
- Cease-fire has made a real difference in people's lives -- for the first time in a generation, people in Northern Ireland can walk streets without fear of gun or bomb. Major accomplishment of which they should be proud.
- First visit of a U.S. President will help focus on that achievement and foster confidence in the peace process as well as trade and investment.
- Will continue to support the twin track and all who take risks for peace.

U.S. Role

- Our role is threefold.
 - First, diplomacy -- have made clear we will support those on both sides who are willing to compromise for sake of peace.
 - Second, modalities -- willing to agree to have a distinguished American head the international commission to deal with disarmament issue. (Note: George Mitchell would likely be asked to head the commission.)

--Third, economic support -- for International Fund for Ireland and for increased private trade and investment in Northern Ireland and border counties.

- U.S. has only one goal in Northern Ireland -- to support efforts to achieve a just and lasting peace based on consent.
- Have reached out to both communities to support those willing to take risks for peace.

International Fund for Ireland

- Believe the Fund is accomplishing its twin goals of promoting economic regeneration and reconciliation.
- Fund has invested in over 3000 projects, in rural and urban areas and in both communities. It has invested over \$250 million, which leveraged over \$1 billion in total new investment. It has created over 20,000 permanent jobs.

Decommissioning

- Parties observing cease-fire must take next step and begin to discuss serious decommissioning of weapons. Have made clear there must be movement on this issue.

Peace Talks

- See merit in twin track proposal as way to move forward on decommissioning issue and on talks.
- British and Irish governments are working hard to move the twin track forward and I hope they will be able to do so in the near future.

Elected Assembly

- I think all ideas for moving forward should be discussed. Political track of twin track would offer opportunity to do this.

Major Stalling?

- We believe Prime Minister Major has demonstrated that he is committed to achieving a lasting peace in Northern Ireland.

Senator Mitchell to Chair Commission on Decommissioning?

- It's premature to discuss any members of a commission until there is a formal decision to establish an international body to address the arms issue.

Explosives Found

- No, I do not think that the discovery of the explosives in a van near the border bodes ill for the cease-fire. Understand suspects associated with splinter group opposed to cease-fire.

Results of White House Trade and Investment Conference

- Number of significant results, including planned new investment by the private sector in high tech companies, a successful trade mission, and a program to bring 50 business people annually to work in U.S. companies to enhance their management skills and foster business ties.

Deportations

[NOTE: Irish-American groups mounting a campaign against deportation of former IRA members, some who are married to U.S. citizens and/or have U.S. children. U.S. law provides almost no flexibility in permitting permanent residency to those linked to terrorism. We are looking into possible legislative solutions.]

- Issue recently brought to our attention.
- Law provides little flexibility on many cases.
- Would not want to do anything that would be discriminatory vis-a-vis other groups.
- Continuing to review the issue.

Adams Living Up to Commitments?

- We have urged Sinn Fein and the loyalists to begin serious discussion of decommissioning issue.
- Believe twin track approach is vehicle to do that.

Expect British to Change Position on "Washington Three"?

[NOTE: Washington Three refers to the British insistence that the process of decommissioning weapons must begin before Sinn Fein can be invited to all-party political talks. It was part of a speech by Sir Patrick Mayhew in Washington in May and a point the Irish disagree with and we have never endorsed.]

- Our view is that twin track approach designed by British and Irish Governments offers the best basis for making progress in peace process.

- If two governments launch twin track and establish international body to look at decommissioning issue, they would, I am sure, give serious consideration to its recommendations.

“Peace Talks Now” Rallies, Camps

[NOTE: It is possible that Sinn Fein will have rallies or set up camps to express support for calling talks without conditioning them on progress on decommissioning.]

- Recognize that Sinn Fein supporters expressing their view. Continue to think best way to get to talks is by launching twin track approach, and getting started on “talks about talks”, which will be necessary in any case.

Punishment Beatings

- Welcome the statements by four leading religious leaders condemning punishment beatings.
- Agree that establishing trust between community and its police is important --expect that will be among issues to be discussed as people here come to grips with shaping their future.
- But I see no excuse for intimidating and beating people up for any reason.

Prisoners

- Support decisions taken to increase confidence in the peace process, such as recent change in law that allowed release of over 80 prisoners from jail in Britain.
- But such decision are the province of the governments involved.

Patrick Kelly -- IRA Prisoner with Skin Cancer

- We welcome the discussions between the British and Irish Governments on the possible transfer of eligible prisoners under the convention on the transfer of sentenced prisoners recently ratified in Dublin.
- This is really a decision for the British Government

Emergency Legislation

[NOTE: Emergency legislation that abridges rights of suspects for terrorist crimes, including denying trial by jury, is still in force in Northern Ireland and was recently rolled over by Parliament.]

- Desirable for citizens of Northern Ireland to enjoy same civil liberties guaranteed to citizens in other parts of UK. As situation normalizes, hope the British Government can restore a more normal criminal justice system in Northern Ireland.

Springvale Campus

- Decision whether to build new Springvale campus of University of Ulster up to government, since they will have to fund it. Understand they are conducting an economic appraisal of the project.

IRELAND

Ireland in Partnership for Peace?

- For people of Ireland to decide.
- Would point out that PFP is devoted to preservation of peace in Europe through trust and cooperation among members. Not a military alliance.
- Ireland too benefits from the stable, peaceful Europe PFP is designed to foster. Membership could improve Ireland's ability to act in concert with other European countries in peacekeeping missions.
- Would not compromise Ireland's neutrality. Not necessarily a step toward NATO membership.

Divorce Referendum

- People of Ireland have voted on this. It was their decision. No comment on outcome. Mention victory for government's efforts?

EU Presidency

- Look forward to working closely with Ireland during it EU Presidency in last half of 1996, when the Intergovernmental Conference of the EU will be underway.