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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 6, 1995

Dear Messrs. Shestack and Nevas:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting that the President address human rights issues during his trip to Northern Ireland and expressing support for the positive role he is playing in the Northern Ireland peace process. The remarkable reception the people of Northern Ireland gave the President last week was compelling evidence of their support for a lasting peace.

As you know, on November 28 the British and Irish Governments announced the launching of the twin-track strategy for restoring momentum to the Northern Ireland peace process. The goal of the twin track is the convening of all-party political talks to negotiate about the future of Northern Ireland. I would expect many of the human rights issues you raise in your letter to be addressed in the context of those talks or as part of a comprehensive peace settlement. At the community level, discussion of some of these issues has already begun.

As you may know, both the British and Irish Governments have recently taken action on one of the issues you raise, the treatment of prisoners. The Irish Government has granted early release to over thirty prisoners convicted of terrorist offenses or membership in an outlawed organization (i.e., the IRA). The British Government has reduced the time needed for parole from seventy percent of the sentence to fifty percent, a move that resulted in the release of 84 prisoners last month.

I can assure you that we will continue to pay close attention to human rights concerns as we work to support the peace process in Northern Ireland.

Sincerely,



Anthony Lake
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

Mr. Jerome J. Shestack
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*Long - good to
hear from you again.
Best,
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31 October 1995

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We trust the President's visit will provide an important opportunity to emphasize both publicly and privately, the interrelationship of human rights and lasting peace, a linkage which seems so obvious and yet has not been emphasized nearly enough.

As you may recall, the International League for Human Rights has been monitoring and reporting on human rights in Northern Ireland since 1972, when it sent Sam Dash, Dean Louis Pollak of Yale Law School and a team of experts to investigate the "Bloody Sunday" incident. Since then the League has reported regularly on key events, trials and human rights issues affecting Northern Ireland.

As a human rights organization, we recognize the Clinton Administration's positive impact in moving the peace process forward. Steps to begin to restore respect for human rights through reforms such as the lifting of the broadcasting ban, the revocation of exclusion orders on Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness among others, and the dismantling of checkpoints and observation posts in Northern Ireland were no doubt hastened by the increased pressure on Britain by the Clinton Administration for fairness and accountability in governing Northern Ireland.

From our perspective, for the peace process to succeed, continued attention must be drawn to the ongoing abuses of human rights and civil liberties. Whatever the final political arrangement in Northern Ireland will be, lasting peace will be contingent on two fundamental processes: (1) abuses in the past being confronted, and (2) reforms ensuring future respect for human rights being implemented.

We respectfully suggest that the President highlight in speeches and private meetings the following reforms which we believe are vital:

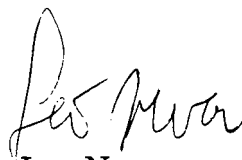
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We believe that such reforms would provide "win win" solutions for all parties to the conflict. Conversely, without the reforms, any negotiated end to the conflict will be constantly threatened by the unresolved injustices which would erupt at any time and undermine or destroy the fragile peace.

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Jerome J. Shestack
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Leo Nevas
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cc: Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher
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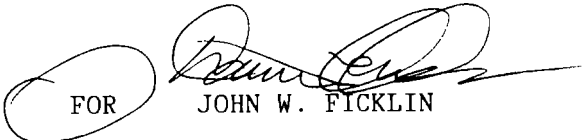
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Attached is the final version of a letter, dated October 31, an earlier draft of which, dated October 28, was mistakenly sent. Other copies of this letter should be discarded.

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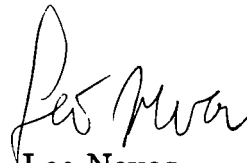
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December 5, 1995

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY LAKE

THROUGH: ALEXANDER VERSHBOW 
FROM: MARY ANN PETERS 
SUBJECT: Letter to Messrs. Shestack and Nevas Regarding the
President's Trip to Northern Ireland

Attached at Tab A is your letter to Messrs. Shestack and Nevas of the International League for Human Rights. They wrote expressing support for the positive role the President is playing in the Northern Ireland peace process, and urging that he focus attention on human rights issues during his trip.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to Messrs. Shestack and Nevas
Tab B Incoming correspondence

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