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TO FROM WASHINGTON  
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FOLLOWING TEXT OF ARTICLE APPEARS IN TODAY'S WASHINGTON STAR.

"IRISH PREMIER MIFFED AT SUPPORTER OF IRA INVITED  
TO CARTER DINNER

*8/4/29.*

BY PHIL GAILEY

THE ONE PERSON IRISH PRIME MINISTER JACK LYNCH DID NOT WANT TO SEE ON HIS VISIT HERE WAS REP MARIO BIAGGI, D-NY, A MAN LYNCH HAS DENOUNCED AS A SYMPATHIZER WITH THE TERRORIST PROVISIONAL IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY.

"BUT THE WHITE HOUSE, IN WHAT SMACKS OF PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS, HAS INVITED BIAGGI TO A STATE DINNER IN LYNCH'S HONOR TOMORROW NIGHT. THE PRIME MINISTER IS OUTRAGED BY WHITE HOUSE INSENSITIVITY TO HIS FEELINGS AND THE POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS BACK HOME OF HAVING BIAGGI AT THE DINNER, ACCORDING TO IRISH GOVERNMENT SOURCES.

"ONE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL WHO ASKED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS SUGGESTED THAT BIAGGI'S INVITATION WAS DICTATED BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLITICAL AIDES. THE CONGRESSMAN IS A STAUNCH CARTER SUPPORTER WHO RECENTLY PUT HIS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, LARRY VERSHEL, ON LEAVE TO WORK FOR THE CARTER CAMPAIGN IN FLORIDA.

"ON CAPITOL HILL, A CONGRESSIONAL SOURCE SAID, 'IT'S SIMPLE. BIAGGI HAS CALLED IN A POLITICAL CHIP FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.'

"LYNCH AND THE IRISH GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR GAVE BIAGGI AN OFFICIAL COLD SHOULDER WHEN HE VISITED IRELAND IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE FOR IRISH AFFAIRS, A SELF-STARTING, UNOFFICIAL 130-MEMBER GROUP CONSIDERED TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO THE IRA.

"'OUR FEELINGS ARE THAT THEY (THE WHITE HOUSE) ARE ENTITLED TO INVITE ANYONE TO A STATE DINNER,' SAID ONE IRISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, 'BUT IF THE PURPOSE OF THIS DINNER IS TO HONOR THE PRIME MINISTER THEY HAVE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE. YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT THIS WILL DO FOR THE IRA'S PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN.'

"THE OFFICIAL WONDERED HOW PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD FEEL IF PRIME MINISTER LYNCH HOSTED A DINNER FOR HIM IN IRELAND AND INVITED LOCAL SUPPORTERS OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.

"THE WHITE HOUSE, SAYING IT HAS RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL PROTEST FROM THE IRISH GOVERNMENT, DEFENDED ITS INVITATION TO BIAGGI.

"'GUEST LISTS FOR STATE DINNERS NORMALLY REFLECT A WIDE REPRESENTATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS,' A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID, 'IT DOES NOT MEAN PEOPLE ARE SELECTED BECAUSE THEY EMBRACE VIEWS THAT REFLECT OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATION POLICIES.'

"ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN NO OFFICIAL PROTESTS FROM THE IRISH, SOURCES CLOSE TO LYNCH SAY HIS DISPLEASURE HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT--APPARENTLY TO NO AVAIL."

END OF MESSAGE  
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