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TO HQ FROM WASHINGTON

FOR B DAVENPORT FROM M BURKE

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF FRIENDS OF IRELAND STATEMENT WHICH CAN NOW
BE ISSUED PLUS A LIST OF SIGNATORIES WHICH IS ONLY A PARTIAL LISTING.
OTHERS WILL SIGN ON DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS. PLS NOTE THAT THE
Republican and Democratic LEADERSHIP IN BOTH HOUSES HAVE SIGNED ON.

Congress of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20515

FRIENDS OF IRELAND STATEMENT ON THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT

November 15, 1985

As Friends of Ireland in the United States Congress, we strongly support the agreement reached today by the governments of Ireland and Great Britain in their historic joint effort to end the violence and achieve a peaceful settlement of the conflict in Northern Ireland.

The new agreement is not a final answer, but it is an important step toward reconciliation between the nationalist and unionist traditions in Northern Ireland and among all the peoples of Ireland. It also fairly reflects the spirit of far-reaching principles set forth in the report of the New Ireland Forum in 1984.

We are particularly encouraged by the British Government's acceptance of an unprecedented official role for the Irish Government in the day to day affairs of Northern Ireland.

At this hopeful time, we renew our unequivocal condemnation of the violence in Northern Ireland. In the weeks ahead, we stand ready to work in Congress and with the President to provide all appropriate assistance, including financial and economic support by the United States to help implement the new agreement.

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