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12 March 1992

TO HQ FROM WASHINGTON
FOR ASST SEC O HUIGINN FROM AMBASSADOR

SUBJ: VISIT OF MAYOR FLYNN

1. Further to my previous letters, please find attached copy of the letter (on a possible US role in relation to the North) which Mayor Flynn sent last month to President Bush and to all Democratic party candidates.
2. I might add that it would be appropriate if appreciation could be expressed to the Mayor for his initiative, with John Hume, in setting up the Boston/Galway/Derry Ventures project and for his strong and continuing support for the project, and for the promotion by Boston of trade and industry in Galway and Derry generally.

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CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
RAYMOND L. FLYNN

February 22, 1992

A copy of this letter was also sent to all Democratic Party candidates
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President George Bush
The White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20515

Dear President Bush:

The worsening of the already tragic situation in Northern Ireland has seen some thirty-eight people killed this year alone. This cycle of violence that has touched every part of the community merits more than a muted response from the U.S. Government.

It should be clear to all that if the senseless violence in Northern Ireland is to end, the British Government must do more than protect an unworkable status quo. Towards that effort, as a friend of the peoples of Ireland and Britain, our government should play a constructive role in encouraging talks among all parties to the conflict, excluding none, so long as they agree from the outset to end the use of violence. Seven years after the signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement it is painfully evident that new structures, rooted in consensus with guarantees of human rights for all, must at long last be put in place. If this is to happen, establishing a dialogue among all parties to the conflict is essential.

To its credit, the United States has played a vital role in encouraging a resolution to the conflicts in the Middle East and El Salvador, as well as in encouraging the forces of stability in the former Soviet Union. Seeing the attainment of peace on the island of Ireland - in a nation that has given much to the life of the United States - should also be our concern. While the American contribution to the International Fund for Ireland has been significant, there is much that an active expression of our willingness to help end the conflict as an honest broker would achieve. It would serve particularly to help renew the faith of the people of both traditions in Northern Ireland in the democratic process and the overriding need for the peaceful resolution of their differences with each other and with current political structures.



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At this late stage in the twentieth century we should no longer turn a blind eye to the tragedy in Northern Ireland by viewing it as a British domestic issue. A resolution to the conflict would be in the interest of all in Northern Ireland and to our nation as well.

At this time, I sincerely urge that you do all that you can to ensure that Northern Ireland is placed on the American agenda.

Sincerely,

Raymond L. Flynn
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Mayor of Boston