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Roinn an Taoisigh
Department of the Taoiseach

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Mr. Donoghue

2 December, 1993.

Mr. Sean O hUiginn,
Assistant Secretary,
Department of Foreign Affairs.

Dear Sean,

Thank you for your letter of today's date, enclosing a draft formal invitation to President Clinton to visit Ireland next year.

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The Taoiseach has signed the letter of invitation which I am enclosing for transmission to Washington by diplomatic bag. We have sent a copy of the letter to Ambassador Gallagher by fax this evening and told him that the original will reach him in the normal way.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Murray,
Secretary to the Government.



Oifig an Taoisigh
Office of the Taoiseach

2 December, 1993.

The Hon. William J. Clinton,
President,
The United States of America.

Dear Mr. President,

Dick Spring briefed me fully on his return from Washington about his very positive discussion with you last month. We greatly appreciate your making yourself available at a fraught time in what proved to be your very successful campaign on NAFTA.

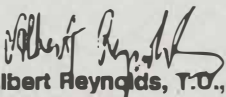
We are both deeply appreciative of your interest and support at this decisive moment when, as I believe, a window of opportunity for peace is open in Northern Ireland. As a friend to both Governments and to all sides in Northern Ireland, your encouragement for the peace process is uniquely valuable. I know that you have since spoken to John Major, for which I am extremely appreciative.

I will be able to thank you in person, Mr. President, when we meet over the St. Patrick's Day period. In the meantime, and given that you will be visiting Europe on a number of occasions next year, I want to confirm formally the invitation extended to you by the Tánaiste, to include Ireland in your itinerary.

A visit by you and Mrs. Clinton would be a memorable event for us here in Ireland. It would also enable you to experience at first hand the universal and deep affection in Ireland for the United States and the great interest and respect with which all of us here, and particularly our young population, follow the continuing achievements of your Presidency.

With best personal wishes.

Yours sincerely,


Albert Reynolds, T.O.,
Taoiseach.

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Mr. Donoghue

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30 November 1993

Dear Assistant Secretary

Enclosed, as promised, is a draft letter from the Taoiseach to President Clinton inviting him to Ireland next year. Once a letter is issued, I can follow up at official level. (January is out already, as you know, and the dates in June would need to be watched carefully because of the World Cup).

Yours sincerely

Dermot Gallagher

Dermot Gallagher
Ambassador

Seán Ó hUiginn Uas
Assistant Secretary
Department of Foreign Affairs