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TO HQ FROM WASHINGTON  
FOR D DONOHUE FROM B SCANNELL

IRISH-AMERICANS FOR CLINTON-GORE

1. Further to my fax of 11 January, the proposed meeting of Irish-Americans for Clinton-Gore delegation took place in Little Rock, Arkansas on the 13th January. The delegation was led by Mayor Flynn of Boston. (Ex-Congressman Bruce Morrison, due to an airline hitch, was stranded in Tennessee and participated in the meeting by tele-conference). The Clinton-Gore Transition Team was represented by Chris Hyland who is responsible for relations with ethnic groups. The meeting was one of a series of twelve. It was expected that Nancy Soderberg who handled Irish Affairs in the Clinton campaign would be present but she was tied up advising the President-Elect on the situation in the Gulf.
2. The group also included Niall O'Dowd, publisher of the Irish Voice (a weekly paper in New York) and the Irish America magazine; Paul O'Dwyer and his son Brian of Attorneys O'Dwyer and Bernstein; John Dearie, former New York assemblyman; Chuck Feeney, an Irish-American businessmen and Bob Linnon of the Irish American Unity Conference.
3. Attached is the agreed press release. The statement is

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basically a reiteration of the views expressed by then Governor Clinton in his letter to Bruce Morrison of 23 October 1992.

4. Mayor Flynn took the lead at the meeting. He referred to his meeting with former President Carter on the previous Saturday in Boston during which he discussed President-Elect Clinton's suggestion of appointing a Special Envoy to Ireland. His main points were that to do so would be a recognition of the role of Irish-Americans in Clinton's election and, secondly, would not allow Irish affairs to be placed on a backburner. Flynn counselled that it would be wise to have a fact-finding mission to Ireland, preferably before St Patrick's Day, before activating the Special Envoy proposal.
5. Paul O'Dwyer and his son dwelt primarily on the role of the US Justice Department and on specific harrassment cases. O'Dwyer stated that the Justice Department was basically a vehicle of the British Government.
6. Chuck Feeney led on economic issues and said that Ireland should be looked at both from an economic and political perspective. He supported strongly the recent establishment of the Irish American Economic Advisory Board and also the work of the International Fund for Ireland.
7. Bob Linnon of the Irish American Unity Conference dealt with human rights issues, particularly strip-searching. Niall O'Dowd spoke about the contribution of Irish-Americans and the role of the MacBride principles. John Dearie was verbose but contributed nothing of real substance to the meeting.
8. Hyland of the Clinton Transition Team took notes and basically gave no commitment. Mike Quinlan of Mayor Flynn's Office was

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given the task of drawing up a report on the meeting and he undertook to forward this to Hyland. The participants were asked to keep their counsel and not to comment beyond the press release.

9. The general impression of those present was that the meeting was an excellent outreach strategy by the Clinton camp (in contrast to previous Administrations) to the Irish constituency. There was a feeling among the group that there will be an openness and receptiveness in the new Administration and that President-Elect Clinton will reach out beyond figures such as Senators Kennedy, Moynihan and Speaker Foley for advice.
10. Mayor Flynn has asked the Ambassador, who is in Boston for a function this evening, to call on him and he will very likely brief him on the meeting. We understand that the Irish Times (Conor O'Clery) will be reporting on the meeting in tomorrow's edition.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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STATEMENT OF BOSTON MAYOR RAYMOND L. FLYNN  
AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN BRUCE MORRISON ON BEHALF OF  
"IRISH-AMERICANS FOR CLINTON/GORE"

January 13, 1993

"IRISH-AMERICANS FOR CLINTON/GORE" WAS CREATED IN 1992 IN AN EFFORT TO MOBILIZE THE SUPPORT OF ALL AMERICANS CONCERNED ABOUT ENDING THE SENSELESS VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND BRINGING PEACE AND JUSTICE. GOVERNOR BILL CLINTON WAS THE CANDIDATE IRISH-AMERICANS BELIEVED WOULD NOT ONLY PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT WOULD PROVIDE THE MORAL LEADERSHIP ACROSS THE WORLD, PARTICULARLY IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

SINCE GOVERNOR CLINTON'S VICTORY IN NOVEMBER, WE HAVE SOLICITED THE INPUT AND EXPERTISE OF LEADING STATESMEN, HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES, ACADEMICIANS, AND IRISH-AMERICAN SPOKESPERSONS ABOUT THE BEST WAY TO ENGAGE THE BRITISH AND IRISH SIDES IN A CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER, RESPECTFUL OF THE EXISTING TALKS WHICH HAVE RECENTLY BEEN CONCLUDED.

OUR INTENTION IS TO HELP RENEW THOSE IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS, AND TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION WHICH MUST ULTIMATELY BE DETERMINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THOSE ISLANDS. TO THAT END, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MUST EXERT ITS PRESTIGE, INFLUENCE AND GOOD WILL IN A MANNER WHICH HELPS TO BRING ABOUT A PURPOSEFUL SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH INCLUDES EVERY POINT OF VIEW.

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WORKING WITH THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION, IRISH-AMERICAN LEADERS IN CONGRESS, THE BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS, AND THE SIGNIFICANT BODY OF CITIZENS ACTIVE IN IRISH-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS, WE HOPE TO DISTILL AND THEN TRANSFORM THIS ENERGY AND COMMITMENT INTO A HUMANE, PROACTIVE, AND EFFICIENT FORUM FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

TODAY WE DISCUSSED WITH THE TRANSITION TEAM THE CONTENTS OF A LETTER MR. CLINTON WROTE TO "IRISH-AMERICANS FOR CLINTON/GORE" ON OCTOBER 23, 1992, WHICH INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- . OPPOSITION TO VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM, WHETHER BY PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS OR GOVERNMENT FORCES;
- . FAIR EMPLOYMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES;
- . THE NOTION OF A SPECIAL U.S. ENVOY AS A CATALYST TO SECURING A LASTING PEACE;
- . HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES;
- . THE ROLE OF U.S. COURTS IN POLITICAL ASYLUM CASES.

ENCOURAGED BY THE COMMITMENT OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION TO UNDERTAKE GENUINE, SUBSTANTIAL, AND STEADY PROGRESS IN THE QUEST FOR PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND, WE WILL RELY ON THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY FOR INPUT INTO A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT CLINTON'S IRISH AGENDA. OUR GOAL AS IRISH-AMERICANS IS TO REPLACE SENSELESS VIOLENCE AND INJUSTICE WITH JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

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