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DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON

1. In the course of a reception at the White House yesterday evening, I took the opportunity to bring the President up to date on the Northern Ireland situation, including on the framework document discussions and on the likely timing of the Sinn Féin response to the Declaration. In doing so, I made the point that the Taoiseach and the Tánaiste both wished that the White House be kept fully informed on developments and have maximum advance notice of any significant developments in the peace process.
2. The President was very appreciative of the briefing and, in particular, of the wish of Mr Reynolds and Mr Spring that the White House continue to receive full and, to the extent possible, advance information on the developing situation.
3. Very importantly from our point of view, the President's strong and deep personal interest in the whole process came across clearly throughout our discussion.