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VISIT BY FORMER CONGRESSMAN BRUCE MORRISON AND PARTY

1. Niall O'Dowd was uncontactable until late this afternoon. Meanwhile, however, we have had an approach from Joe Jameson, AFL-CIO (New York) on behalf of the group with a request for a meeting with the Taoiseach and the Tanaiste or their representatives on Thursday (ie. before the group meets Sein Fein in Belfast on Friday midday).
2. The party consists of Bruce Morrison, Bill Flynn, Charles (Chuck) Feeney, Niall O'Dowd, and Joe Jameson. Bill Lenihan (Irish-American Labor Coalition) will travel to assist with arrangements but is not formally a member of the group.
3. You may wish to be aware that Bruce Morrison has just been nominated by President Clinton as Chairman of the Federal Home Finance Board, a body overseeing a number of regional banks which provide mortgages to those who might not otherwise qualify.

4. The group will leave the US on Wednesday evening, arriving Dublin on Thursday morning. In their request for meetings with the Taoiseach and Tanaiste (or their representatives), they have suggested Thursday afternoon, but would of course be ready to fit in the Taoiseach's and Taniste's schedules. The group expects to travel to the North on Friday morning (though there is a possibility of Thursday evening) where they will remain over the weekend. Morrison will return to the US on Sunday, while O'Dowd himself will stay on for a few days.
  
5. The trip is being arranged at the invitation of Sein Fein but the group, as in the past, would like to meet as wide a range of people as possible and "feelers" are being put out to this effect.
  
6. While there have been discussions about the trip for some time, one is left with the clear impression that the precise timing of the visit is not wholly coincidental. As for the prospects for an early cease-fire, O'Dowd felt there was "a lot of hope"; he gave no indication, on the other hand, as to what he thought the nature of any cease-fire might be.

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