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RE: MITCHEL MCLAUGHLIN IN WASHINGTON

1. Further to my earlier report, Sinn Fein's Mitchel McLaughlin, who was in Cleveland at the weekend, was on Capitol Hill today. Several appointments had been sought on his behalf but as far as I can gather very few materialised.
2. In a meeting which he had with Ms Trina Vargo of Senator Kennedy's office, he complained that the "legitimate political mandate" of Sinn Fein was not being recognised by the British Government. He maintained that if the British re-establish contact with Sinn Fein we could expect to see "dramatic gestures" from the IRA. He also suggested that the Irish Government had a list of points from Sinn Fein which Sinn Fein wishes to have clarified. However, what Sinn Fein needed was somebody assigned by the British Government to handle the clarification issue. As to which issue Sinn Fein wanted clarified, McLaughlin seemed to suggest that the primary issue was the time schedule for future talks. He insisted that Sinn Fein felt that they could not trust the British and that the British were not serious.
3. Kennedy's office told McLaughlin that in their view the ball was firmly in Sinn Fein's court and that there was a window of opportunity for peace that might not last very long. Ms Vargo dismissed the three-day ceasefire as "a nothing" and, referring also to the support that had been offered for Adams' US visa, expressed disappointment on both Senator Kennedy's behalf and on behalf of Senator Moynihan (Moynihan's office asked her to do this) that Sinn Fein had not responded

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RE: MITCHEL MCLAUGHLIN

You will wish to be aware that McLaughlin will be here in Washington tomorrow. I understand that he is seeking several appointments on the Hill.

In particular, Senator Kennedy's office has been contacted and have agreed to meet him at the level of Ms Trina Vargo. We will report to you further in the light of this and any other meetings that he may have.

McLaughlin addressed a NORAD fundraising event in Cleveland last Friday night. This has caused some concern at the State Department who had no prior knowledge at the time that the visa will be issued and that he would use his visit for such fund-raising activities. It is possible that McLaughlin's action could prejudice a future visa application. It is also the case that the State Department were unaware that McLaughlin intended to visit Washington. Apparently he did not indicate any such intention on his visa application.