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DISCUSSION AT WHITE HOUSE


Dear Assistant Secretary

1. As conveyed by phone, I had a fifty minute discussion yesterday morning on all aspects of the ceasefire with Sandy Berger, the Deputy National Security Advisor. Tony Lake, the Head of the NSC, telephoned from vacation to offer congratulations to the Government on their achievement.
2. Both Lake and Berger were absolutely delighted at the IRA announcement and were very appreciative of our expressions of gratitude to the President for his encouragement and support. They were equally pleased that the President's decision on the Adams visa issue had been completely vindicated. Berger had been helpful earlier in the day, as had Nancy Soderberg, in having the President informed immediately at his holiday retreat (Martha's Vineyard) of the actual IRA announcement, and in setting up the early morning phone call with the Taoiseach.
3. We also discussed the Tanaiste's wish to brief the President on the developing situation. We agreed that the proposed meeting should be held as soon as possible and, following further discussion and a call to the President, that it should ideally take place on Friday in Martha's Vineyard.

4. Tony Lake also mentioned that he had spoken to Jim Molyneux that morning, with a view in particular to reassuring him about the Administration's decision to issue a visa to Joe Cahill. He found Molyneux to be quite calm about the developing situation, even to the extent of joking about Paisley's recent name calling. In this regard, Molyneux said that the DUP leader was now calling him Neville Chamberlain, having earlier compared him to Judas Escariot - or, as he added, "paisley has now moved from the biblical to the historical".
5. Finally, I should mention that over the past two days I briefed a wide range of the political leadership by phone on the IRA ceasefire, including the Speaker and many Members of the House and Senate, and expressed the Government's deep appreciation to them for all their support and encouragement.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely


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