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RE: ADAMS AND FUNDRAISING

1. According to Nancy Soderberg at the White House, she had a "long and difficult" conversation with Adams regarding the fundraising issue. She was hoping that an announcement inviting Adams to talks with National Security Adviser Lake might have been made last evening but this did not prove possible. Adams asked that the decision on fundraising be reconsidered but Soderberg was emphatic that this was not possible in the context of the December visit. She expects to speak to Adams again later this afternoon and would ideally like to make a public announcement on an Adams-Lake meeting some time tonight. Again, she asked for our help in minimising any backlash by emphasising the importance of a meeting with Lake and in low-keying the fundraising issue. I said that we would do this.
2. Soderberg could not say yet whether Adams would accept the offer of a meeting with Lake. However, she was hopeful that he would. In particular, she emphasised the substantial media presence in the White House which Adams could avail of after such a meeting with Lake.

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that the timing of permission to fundraise did not be made a major issue.

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1. I spoke to Nancy Soderberg on the telephone this afternoon to have a sense of the up to date position on the request of Gerry Adams to fundraise during his planned forthcoming visit to the United States.
2. Soderberg was very annoyed that Sinn Féin had set up fundraising functions for Adams, for his visit in early December, without the position having been cleared by the White House in advance. She is inclined to blame the U.S. Embassy in Dublin for having suggested to him that he should go ahead and make arrangements and that everything would be alright on the day. She felt this was unfair to him, and also of course very unhelpful to the White House.
3. It is clear that the White House, while they would wish to be helpful, are not prepared to agree that Adams can fund raise "in the time frame of 9th December" (i.e. the date of his visit). They are suggesting instead, and Soderberg put this to Adams on the phone today, that they announce publicly that they are inviting Adams to meet with Tony Lake at the White House in order to discuss a range of issues, including fundraising, the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation, and disarmament. This would enable the White House to control the

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flow of information, and help to avoid Adams being seen to have been refused flatley (which may, however, be unavoidable).

4. Soderberg sees the above in the context of an ongoing dialogue with Adams and, in particular, of concrete progress being achieved and noted at each meeting. This should, inter alia, help the two sides to resolve the problem of fundraising. Soderberg in fact said she did not see fundraising "as a problem for much longer", and she hopes it will be resolved "by early next year". She indeed spoke a number of times in terms of the White House needing "a little more time", of the situation being "fine" but that they were not "quite there yet".
5. We will keep you informed of any further developments.

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