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RE: ADAMS VISIT-WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT

1. Attached is the statement which issued from the White House tonight inviting Adams to Washington to meet with National Security Adviser Lake. According to the statement Lake "looks forward to hearing Mr Adams' views on the current situation in Northern Ireland and to discussing ways in which the peace process can be further advanced and economic prosperity can be promoted".
2. The statement does not refer to fundraising, but I understand from Nancy Soderberg that Adams has agreed (reluctantly) to come on the basis of his meeting with Lake which is likely to take place on 7 December. While a meeting with Vice President Gore has also apparently been sought by Adams, there has been no specific commitment to this. Soderberg told me, however, that if such a meeting were to take place it would probably involve, at a maximum, the Vice President "dropping by" during the Lake/Adams meeting.
3. In a conversation with Niall O Dowd this morning he mentioned that Adams may also visit Canada again during this trip for a meeting with the French-Canadian PM in Ottawa.
4. A statement by Senator Kennedy regretting the Administration's decision on Adams fundraising is also attached

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

November 30, 1994

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

National Security Adviser Anthony Lake has invited Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams to meet with him in the White House the week of December 5. Mr. Adams will be granted a waiver to travel to the United States on a multiple entry visa valid for ninety days. Mr. Lake looks forward to hearing Mr. Adams' views on the current situation in Northern Ireland and to discussing ways in which the peace process can be further advanced and economic prosperity can be promoted.

Mr. Lake's invitation to Mr. Adams is in the context of the Administration's support for efforts to consolidate the peace process in Northern Ireland and to encourage political reconciliation and economic regeneration in the region. Since the ban on contacts with Sinn Fein was lifted two months ago, Mr. Adams has discussed the developing situation with White House and State Department officials, including the U.S. Ambassadors to Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Over the past year, Mr. Lake has met with a number of other political leaders from Northern Ireland. As in those previous meetings, Mr. Lake will underscore the Administration's support for the joint efforts of the Irish and British governments to reach a political settlement in Northern Ireland, and the Administration's commitment to support the development of a peaceful political process in Northern Ireland through which the legitimate aspirations of both communities can be addressed in a just and democratic manner.

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from the office of
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STATEMENT OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ON DENIAL OF FUND-RAISING FOR GERRY ADAMS

For Immediate Release
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I regret the Administration's decision prohibiting Gerry Adams from raising funds during his trip to the United States next week. Mr. Adams recently visited London and was allowed to raise funds there. It is unfortunate that he does not have the same opportunity in this country.

Any funds raised in this country could be fenced in reasonable ways to guarantee they are spent solely for legitimate political activity.

I am pleased, however, that Mr. Adams has been given a multiple-entry visa and that he will meet with Tony Lake in Washington. I am hopeful that the ban on fund-raising will be dropped the next time he visits the United States.

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