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29 MARCH 1994

TO HQ FROM WASHINGTON
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RE: ADAMS VISA

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Attached letter from President Clinton to Congressman Giann regarding the Adams visa will be of interest. In this letter, the President says that he believes that the issuing of a visa "was a step worth taking to advance the prospects for peace". The President also says that he hoped that the New York Conference attended by Adams "will encourage all who have yet to do so, to embrace the Joint Declaration, renounce violence and engage in a political dialogue within the framework of the Joint Declaration".

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1994

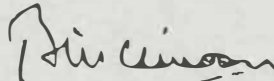
Dear Representative Gilman:

Thank you for your letter regarding a visa for Gerry Adams. While the decision to grant Mr. Adams a waiver for a visa to attend the New York conference on Northern Ireland was a difficult one, I believe it was a step worth taking to advance the prospects for peace.

Since Prime Ministers Reynolds and Major issued the Joint Declaration on December 15, the United States has encouraged the resumption of political talks involving the Irish and British governments and the constitutional parties of Northern Ireland. As we have said publicly, we hope that the conference attended by Mr. Adams will encourage all who have yet to do so to embrace the Joint Declaration, renounce violence and engage in a political dialogue within the framework of the Joint Declaration.

Thank you again for your views and support.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515