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1 MARCH 1995

TO HQ FROM WASHINGTON
FOR G CORR FROM M COLLINS

RE: ADAMS AND SPEAKER'S LUNCH

1. The Speaker's office have now told us that despite earlier indications that he might be invited along with other Northern political leaders, it was not now the Speaker's intention to invite Gerry Adams to the lunch on 16 March.
2. If the Speaker maintains his position on this it will inevitably generate a considerable amount of controversy on the Hill and, not least, with some quite senior members of his own party, particularly Congressman Ben Gilman, who is Chairman of the International Relations Committee of the House. While the Speaker's office yesterday gave no reason to believe that the Speaker was likely to change his mind, we would expect that he will be subjected to a great deal of pressure to reverse his decision. We will keep you advised on this.
3. The speaker's office have advised us that SDLP leader John Hume will be invited to the lunch.
4. Regarding the White House reception on the 17th and the query already raised about inviting Adams to this event (see our fax of ~~February 28~~), we would be grateful if you could advise us on this as soon as possible.

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RE: ADAMS AND FUNDRAISING

*plcc. Pst, 7 July
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Secretary of State
Mr MURRAY
Mr Feaker
Mr Donlan.
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Mr Hanochke
Mr [unclear]*

1. I attach a copy of a letter from Attorney General Janet Reno to National Security Adviser Tony Lake in which she strongly opposes the lifting of fundraising restrictions on Adams's visa. We received this letter from a source on the Hill.
2. You will note that Reno says that she is aware "of evidence that suggests that the PIRA has continued to identify potential sources for arms procurement and to make inquiries concerning availability and terms of purchase". Moreover, she adds that an insufficient time has elapsed since she last considered the matter some six weeks ago "to conclude that Mr Adams and the PIRA have, in fact, committed to the ceasefire, to ending arms procurement and to disarming and demobilizing".
3. In conclusion Reno says that the various US agencies have recently intensified their efforts and public commitments to combatting international terrorism and adds "I believe that these collective efforts could be undermined by removing the Adams visa restriction at this time".

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

February 17, 1995

The Honorable Anthony Lake
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Tony:

I am writing concerning the latest effort to modify the restrictions on the visa issued to Gerry Adams -- in particular, the restriction against any fundraising activity by Mr. Adams while he is in the United States.

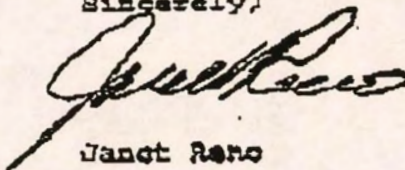
In early January, I considered the question of whether the "no fundraising" condition on Mr. Adams' visa should be lifted. I concluded that it should not, but agreed to revisit the matter at such time that it could be shown that the ceasefire had held; that PIRA arms procurement had ended; and that there had been concrete progress toward disarmament and demobilization by the PIRA.

Now, barely six weeks since I last addressed the issue, I have been asked again to consider removing the "no fundraising" restriction from Mr. Adams' visa. I have concluded that the restriction should remain, both because the conditions that were specified for lifting the restriction have not been met and because it is premature to consider the matter.

With respect to the conditions stipulated in January for removing the restriction, no evidence has been brought to my attention that suggests progress has been made toward the disarmament and demobilization of the PIRA. In addition, I am aware of evidence that suggests the PIRA has continued to identify potential sources for arms procurement and to make inquiries concerning availability and terms of purchase. But even if this were not the case -- even if concrete progress could be shown as to all three conditions -- I believe that six weeks of progress would be an insufficient basis on which to conclude that Mr. Adams and the PIRA have, in fact, committed to the ceasefire, to ending arms procurement, and to disarming and demobilizing.

In closing, I note that the Departments of Justice, State and Treasury, as well as other agencies, have recently intensified their efforts and public commitments to combatting international terrorism. I believe that these collective efforts could be undermined by removing the Adams visa restriction at this time.

Sincerely,



Janet Reno