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Mr Sean O hUiginn
Second Secretary
Anglo Irish Division
Department of Foreign Affairs

Dear Second Secretary

Clinton visit: final update

I have obtained the following updated details of President Clinton's programme in Northern Ireland tomorrow, with the usual caveat that this may still be subject to last-minute change.

Thursday 30 November

- 09.15 hrs Arrival at Aldergrove
 Met by Secretary of State and Michael Ancram
- 09.30 hrs Departure for city centre
- 10.10 hrs Arrival at Mackie's (Springfield Road, West Belfast)
 Greeted by Eric Smyth (Lord Mayor of Belfast), Joe Hendron and Cecil Walker
- 10.35 hrs President delivers speech
- 11.40 hrs President and Secretary of State depart
- (11.45 hrs Mrs Clinton and Lady Mayhew depart on separate programme;

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Secretaries Brown and Riley also have separate programme)

- 11.55 hrs President and Secretary of State arrive at East Belfast Enterprise Park (Albertbridge Road)
- Greeted by Peter Thompson (Chairman) and David Blevins (Manager)
- 12:00 hrs President meets Willie McCarter and members of IFI Board in reception area
- President meets Malcolm Moss, Peter Robinson, John Taylor and John Alderdice outside
- President visits two units in the park (Holly Handmades and Renaissance Ironcraft) and continues to a further unit where board members of other Enterprise Centres are assembled.
- Peter Thompson and Peter Robinson make short speeches of welcome and President responds
- President then joins an informal discussion (details of participants not to hand but they will include Malcolm Moss).
- 13.05 hrs President and Secretary of State depart
- 13.15 hrs Arrival at Belfast City Airport. Joined by Mrs Clinton and Lady Mayhew. Welcomed by Roy McNulty, President of Shorts plc.
- 13.30 hrs Departure by helicopter for Derry.
- 14.05 hrs Arrival at Derry City Council Airport (Eglinton). Greeted by John Kerr (Mayor of Derry), John and Pat Hume and John Keanie (Chief Executive, Derry City Council)
- 14.15 hrs Departure by car for city centre
- 14.25 hrs Arrival at Whittaker Street. Met by Lord Lieutenant for Londonderry and escorted to Guildhall Square.
- 14.40 hrs President (accompanied by the Mayor, John Hume and Secretary of State) proceeds to platform.
- 14.45 hrs Remarks by John Hume
- 14.50 hrs Remarks by Mayor
- 14.55 hrs Address by President
- 15.05 hrs President and Mrs Clinton meet the audience

President enters Guildhall and proceeds to the Minor Hall, where photographs are taken with Secretary of State, Mayor and John Hume

Party proceeds to the Main Hall for a civic reception and the inauguration of the Tip O'Neill Chair in Peace Studies at the University of Ulster

Mayor speaks on behalf of Derry City Council

Kingsley Aikins speaks on behalf of the American Ireland Fund

Professor Trevor Smith (Vice Chancellor of the UU) speaks on behalf of the University

Tom O'Neill (son of Tip) introduces President

President and Mrs Clinton mingle with the guests, accompanied by Mayor

- 16.55 hrs Party departs from Guildhall by car
- 17.10 hrs Arrival at Derry City Airport
- 17.20 hrs Departure by helicopter
- 18.00 hrs Arrival at Belfast City Airport
- 18.05 hrs Departure by car for city centre
- 18.15 hrs Arrival at Belfast City Hall. Met by Lord Mayor and spouse.
- 18.25 hrs Lord Mayor conducts President and Mrs Clinton to Members' Common Room.

Secretary of State and Lady Mayhew arrive at East Door entrance and proceed to VIP stand.

Two children who have won a Belfast Telegraph Letter Competition are introduced with their families to President and Mrs Clinton and accompany the latter (along with Lord Mayor and spouse) to the platform outside.

Lord Mayor welcomes President and Mrs Clinton

Mrs Clinton reads extracts from the winning letters in the Belfast Telegraph competition.

Lord Mayor does "count-down" to the tree-lighting

President, Mrs Clinton and the children switch on the Christmas tree lights

President addresses the audience

President and Mrs Clinton subsequently greet the crowd (accompanied by Mayor and spouse). Party returns to City Hall grounds where President re-dedicates the American Monument (monument to US casualties in Second World War).

President goes back into City Hall and is introduced to Councillors and Council officials

At the Christmas tree, President and Mrs Clinton sign the Visitors' Book and receive gifts from Mayor and spouse.

19.45 hrs President and party depart by car

19.55 hrs Arrival at Sir William Whitla Hall at Queens. Welcomed by Secretary of State, Lady Mayhew and Sir Gordon Beveridge (Vice Chancellor of QUB). President proceeds to the Vice Chancellor's Dining Room and thence to the reception.

President and Mrs Clinton, accompanied by the Secretary of State and Lady Mayhew, mount the platform. Secretary of State speaks and President responds.

The Secretary of State escorts the President around the hall, introducing him to selected guests. Lady Mayhew does likewise with Mrs Clinton.

President withdraws to Vice Chancellor's Dining Room for private meetings

Mrs Clinton withdraws to Dressing Room with Secretary of State and Lady Mayhew and later, accompanied by the latter, rejoins President in the Vice Chancellor's Dining Room.

21.00 hrs President and party (minus the Secretary of State) depart by car from QUB

21.10 hrs Arrival at Europa Hotel.

Official programme ends at this point. Overnight.

Friday
08.30 hrs Arrival at Aldergrove. Secretary of State says farewell. Departure for Dublin.

Yours sincerely



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Joint Secretary