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How to Preserve the Clinton Policy on Ireland: Elect Al Gore and Hillary

Ambassador Ue O'Neill

Washington, D.C., June 15 , 1999 -- Fr. Sean McManus, President of the Capitol Hill-based Irish PAC (Political Action Committee) has released the following statement:

"Anyone involved in the Irish issue knows that there is a real danger that Americans will lose interest in the problems in Northern Ireland.

That danger is multiplied a hundred-fold by the expiration of President Clinton's term in 2000.

Irish-Americans who love Ireland must be deeply concerned with this new situation. What can be done?

I believe the solution is obvious (and I say this as one who has a long record of never playing partisan politics with the Irish issue): **Elect Al Gore as President and elect Hillary Clinton as Senator for New York.**

I can not think of a more effective way of ensuring that Ireland will remain a top priority for the United States.

Hillary Clinton has a deep and personal interest in Ireland. As Senator she would simply be magnificent. The New York Irish have a wonderful opportunity to do something marvellous for the Irish cause by electing Hillary as Senator.

Vice President Al Gore is committed to continuing the Clinton policy on Ireland. There is simply nothing about Gov. George W. Bush that would indicate that he would continue the Clintonian policy on Ireland. Indeed everything suggests that he would reverse the Clintonian policy and return to the Reagan-Bush policy of ignoring Ireland and the concerns of Irish-Americans.

It took Irish-Americans a long, long time to make Ireland a top U.S. foreign policy issue. And it took Bill Clinton — God bless him — to have the courage and the vision to be the first American President in history to stand up for justice and peace in Ireland.

We can not lose all that now. We must elect Hillary as Senator and Al Gore as President. That must be one of our top priorities as concerned Irish-Americans."

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