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1. The attached draft, which has been made available to us confidentially, is being prepared through the intermediary of the Irish American Republicans with input from a number of organisations for inclusion in the Republican Platform 2000 for the Republican Convention in Philadelphia (31 July-3August). The final version will be considered by the Committee for the Republican Platform 2000 under the Chairmanship of Gov Tommy Thompson (Wisc).

2. We are in touch with the Irish American Republicans about some changes to the draft which would bring it more up-to-date and will let you have the final version when it is agreed.

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Taoiseach
This is quite a good start for a Republican Party draft platform on Northern Ireland.

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Statement: Republican Platform 2000

"Ireland: We support efforts to establish peace with justice, reconciliation and equality in the north of Ireland through the Good Friday Agreement as approved by the votes of the vast majority of the people on the island of Ireland, both North and South. We hereby call for the full and immediate implementation of all aspects of the Good Friday Agreement. No party should be allowed to impose terms or preconditions that were not part of the Good Friday Agreement, which was signed by democratically elected parties and consented to by the electorate. In the spirit of that healing document, we call for the dismissal in this country of the Irish deportation and extradition cases related to the troubles of the past 30 years and the granting of citizenship to those involved. We encourage private U.S. investment in the North, fully consistent with the MacBride principles for fair employment. We will use the influence and world stature of the United States to achieve these objectives and where appropriate call for appointment of a special peace envoy from the United States to help facilitate the search for lasting peace, justice and reconciliation.

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