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DATE: 20 SEPTEMBER 1991

cc: Mr. O'Connell
Mr. T. O'Connell

Mr. McAuley
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Mr Loughran, DED
Mr Henderson, Washington Embassy

NOTE Mr MINNIS
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JOHN HUME: MacBRIDE

1. John Hume rang me on 19.9.91 to report on the talk which he had given to the leaders of 35 US State Assemblies who were meeting in Dublin this week - they were meeting under the banner of the State Legislative Leaders' Foundation.
2. Hume said that he had taken a strong line against the disinvestment aspects of MacBride and he urged those present to consider inserting into any MacBride type Bills a clause which would encourage investment in areas of high unemployment - one way of doing this would be to provide for tax credits for such investment decisions.
3. Hume said that his line was received well by the delegates. He went on to say that the President of the group - a Billy Bolger from Massachusetts Minnesota State is in the process of drawing up a model fair employment bill for use in the context of the MacBride campaign. He will include a provision to meet Hume's point and he has also undertaken to send a draft of the model bill to Hume for comment before it is finalised.
4. I will keep you informed of any developments. In the meantime, if it has not been done already, it may be useful for the Embassy to make contact with Billy Bolger.

(SIGNED)

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Mr. McAuley ^{26/9} DPK
I think you are
resurrecting the
Donnelly file for
Mr. Minnis's attention.
Looks like a repeat
performance.
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- Mr Spence
- Mr Thomas
- Mr Minnis
- Mr Cooke
- Mr Taggart
- Mr Beeton
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MACBRIDE: TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR JOHN HUME MP MEP, 20 SEPTEMBER

Mr Hume called to report on discussions with Presidents of 35 State Assemblies in which he had advocated the amendment of fair employment legislation to include the encouragement of industry to locate in deprived areas of Northern Ireland.

Mr Hume reported that the Americans had agreed to send him a draft amendment for consideration and said that he would welcome the ideas of Mr Needham and others about the content of such clauses.

Copy recipients will wish to note this development and to consider the nature of any comment Government might wish to offer to Mr Hume.

Neil Robinson
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PS/Mr Needham

23 September 1991

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