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 Mr McAuley
 Maine file
 Doyle & Nelson file

* Mr Needham is British Consulate-General
 on leave until 20 August. Boston
 I will draft a submission
 & short letter for his return to the office.

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Ms Pat McAlister
 Department of Economic Development
 Equality Division
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 Massey Avenue
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Dear Pat,

MACBRIDE: MAINE

I attach Doyle and Nelson's latest expenses statement which was awaiting me on my return from a short spell of leave. Could you process it in the usual way please?

Jon Doyle and Craig Nelson worked extremely hard on our behalf to ensure that the divestment claims of the bill LD1190 did not reach the statute book and in the process had to endure a number of vicious personal attacks during the debates on the floor of the House and Senate. They have used up a lot of credit in defending our interests and at one stage I was concerned that they might call it a day. In purely financial terms the value of the time they spent on lobbying against the bill was, I believe, substantially in excess of the fixed fee we negotiated. They might not be quite so ready to take up our case again should the need arise. It would be helpful if Mr. Needham could send Jon and Craig a letter of appreciation for their efforts. An invitation to visit Northern Ireland might also be extended.

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Whilst on the subject of 'thank-yous' let me express my warmest appreciation and thanks for the unstinting support you and your colleagues at DED have given me during the passage of the Maine bill. Without the back-up you provided and your rapid response to my often seemingly impossible requests, we could never have achieved the result we did. Many thanks.

Finally if you have not already done so, could you please let Sean Neeson, Peter Bloch and Rory McShane, know the outcome in Maine. They asked to be kept informed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read 'Alan'.

Alan White

c.c. A Henderson Esq, Washington (without enc.)