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Presidential Remarks:
LUNCHEON WITH PRIME MINISTER FITZGERALD W/S
of Ireland

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/15/84 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: _____

SUBJECT: DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: LUNCHEON WITH PRIME MINISTER
FITZGERALD (3/13 - 4:30 p.m.)

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REMARKS:

The attached has gone forward to the President.

RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman
 Assistant to the President
 Ext. 2702

(Dolan/BE)
March 13, 1984
4:30 p.m.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY R. DOLAN *ARD*
SUBJECT: Irish Luncheon Remarks

We are not sure about the Brian Boru reference (page 2, ¶2), and were wondering if it is true. By the way, I just found out I have a grandmother Reagan from Tipperary, and have a score of genealogists trying to find out if I am related to the boss.

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Tomorrow's celebration is only one indication of how much the physical size of "the little land across the Irish Sea" is exceeded by its influence. I think of the story told about one distinguished scholar who was listing the great figures in the English literary tradition and got through Jonathan Swift, James Joyce and Bernard Shaw before he caught himself.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1984

Good afternoon, buenas tardes and a warm welcome. I'm delighted to have this opportunity to spend a few minutes with you -- and opportunity is what I want to talk about.

America has always been a magnet for people seeking freedom and peace, the opportunity to better their lot and to go as far as their God-given talents let them. Pioneers came to our shores with the courage to start all over again because they knew America offered hope for the future. Today, our task is to make sure that even the poorest, most recent pioneers have good reason to dream the same great dreams as those who came before.

A promising future begins with a foothold on the economic ladder. The recovery now surging through this land is providing millions of our people that chance. The economic recovery is helping every American and every ethnic group.

Last month alone, 700,000 Americans found jobs, and we're experiencing the steepest drop in the unemployment rate in over three decades. Since the beginning of the recovery, nearly 5 million people have found jobs. And all the economic indicators suggest more jobs are on the way. But we cannot rest until every American who wants a job can find a job.

We want to build an American opportunity society and that means we cannot go back to the failed policies of big taxing and spending. The painful consequences of those policies haven't been forgotten. Too many dreams were shattered when

as our economy continues to expand

double-digit inflation, record interest rates and economic stagnation knocked industries, small businesses, homemakers and breadwinners off their feet. Inflation robbed us all, and the worst hardships were borne by those at the bottom of the economic ladder.

Nor did the explosion in social spending get crime and drugs off the street or give us a better education for our children. The disadvantaged became more dependent on Federal programs as work disincentives discouraged initiative. Urban America was going downhill and solutions seemed farther and farther away. It's no wonder Americans were losing confidence in their Government.

Now that we're regaining confidence, now that America is back on the road to robust growth, I believe it's time to build even wider opportunities.

We must go forward to new goals to keep the nightmare of inflation from ever coming back. We must enact constitutional budget reforms like the line-item veto and the balanced budget amendment. And to make taxes more simple and fair, and to provide greater incentives to our people, we must press for tax simplification -- a sweeping and comprehensive reform of the entire tax code.

I know Ray Donovan, Sam Pierce and others will be speaking with you this afternoon. At the risk of pre-empting them, I'd like to highlight several programs that offer exciting opportunities for urban America.

In the area of jobs, the Job Training Partnership Act gives communities new flexibility; and, by using private industry councils, it matches local needs with sensible training. The program will train over a million workers a year for productive jobs. CETA did just the opposite. It spent \$5⁴ billion ~~to find~~ ^{but found} private sector jobs for only 15 percent of the participants. Well, those days are over, and the future is now a genuine partnership for real jobs with a bright future.

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Enterprise zones is another legislative initiative that would mean welcome renewal for urban areas of hardcore unemployment. Enterprise zones encourage growth and opportunity where we need it most -- in areas of high ~~youth and minority~~ ^(no separate criteria) ^{in Enterprise Zones} unemployment, in areas hardest hit by urban decay. The legislation provides incentives for business firms and entrepreneurs to invest in blighted areas, create new jobs, and bring new life to distressed areas. This legislation has been on Capitol Hill for more than 2 years. The Senate has passed it, but the House continues to drag its feet. Forgive me, but those who refuse to take action on a bill to create jobs and

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opportunity are the last people who should be giving speeches about their compassion for the unemployed.

And too many of those Members in the House are dragging their feet on another important piece of legislation -- one that would get tough on criminals. For too many years, crime and the fear of crime robbed our cities of their strength and vitality, and inner cities suffered the most. Well, common sense is beginning to pay off. In 1982, the crime rate dropped by 4.3 percent -- the biggest decline in a decade. But we still need to do much more. We need new laws to stop drug traffickers and tougher laws to fight the criminal elements in our society.

The way to get long overdue reform begins with passage of our Comprehensive Crime Control Act. This comprehensive anti-crime package will give more protection to our law-abiding citizens, by cracking down on criminals, particularly organized crime and drug traffickers. It would enable authorities to keep people considered dangerous to the community behind bars pending trial. And it would strictly limit paroles. The legislation has passed the Senate. The House should stop delaying, put partisan politics aside and do what's right for you, the law-abiding people of this country.

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I sense a spirit of optimism spreading across our land carrying hope and opportunity to more and more urban areas. And I think it's justified. America is moving forward again.

I know much remains to be done; I know many of our fellow countrymen still wonder what will come of their hopes and dreams. Success will not come easy, but it will come. To make it happen, America needs the help of our Puerto Rican citizens. You've enriched our national culture and our heritage. We need your energy, your hard work, your values, and we need them expressed in your community and within our political system. If you follow your hopes and dreams, all of us will benefit.

Muchas gracias and vayan con Dios. [Thank you and God bless you.]

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Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks, and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective. We are concerned, however, that the political humor in paragraphs 2-4 on page 2 of the FitzGerald remarks may be inappropriate in remarks for a foreign leader.

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Actually, I know why Tip would like to be ambassador to a nation in Europe . . . it's certainly the best place to meet Congressmen.

But no matter what you may have heard to the contrary, Mr. Prime Minister, Tip and I get along wonderfully well. In fact, some people have wondered why, after very tough discussions in the Oval Office, Tip has come out and supported us on critical measures. Well, the truth is that early in the Administration I discovered something very useful: Tip gives up on the twenty-second anecdote.

Forgive me, Tip, I know you're sensitive about that. But you know how it is: I forget.

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And we're especially happy to have you visiting at such an appropriate moment. Tomorrow is a great day in America, a day of bagpipes and shamrocks, a day when everyone is Irish or, as the saying has it, wishes they were Irish.

Tomorrow's celebration is only one indication of how much the physical size of "the little land across the Irish Sea" is exceeded by its influence. I think of the story told about one distinguished scholar who was listing the great figures in the English literary tradition and got through Jonathan Swift, James Joyce and Bernard Shaw before he caught himself.

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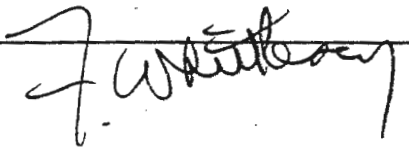
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FROM: FAITH WHITTLESEY, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON *FAW*

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Fitzgerald of Ireland

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Page 4, ¶3: The following sentence should be deleted, "(W)e Americans have no business prescribing solutions to age-old problems that can be worked out only the by people and the government directly involved."

This language would be interpreted by well meaning Irish-Americans that they have no right to express their legitimate concerns over the settlement of the problems in Northern Ireland. The press and our critics could also accuse us of using a double standard, as the U.S. is very much involved in the settlement of "age-old problems" in the Middle East and other trouble spots of the world.

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