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MARCH 17, 1982 12:15 P.M.

LUNCHEON HONORING PRIME HINISTER & MRS. HAUGHEY OF IRELAND

MR. PRIME MINISTER, MRS. HAUGHEY, HONORED GUESTS, SONS & DAUGHTERS OF IRELAND, AND ALL OF THOSE WHO WISH YOU WERE.

LAST YEAR I CELEBRATED THIS IMPORTANT DAY LUNCHING AT THE HOME OF THE IRISH AMBASSADOR. I'D ONLY BEEN AT MY CURRENT JOB FOR A SHORT WHILE & YOUR AMBASSADOR PRESENTED ME A SCROLL DETAILING MY FAMILY TREE. I IMAGINE HE THOUGHT IF I WAS ASSURED OF MY IRISH HERITAGE I WOULD BE MORE CERTAIN THAT I COULD HANDLE MY NEW JOB.

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WELL, IT'S BEEN A GUUD YEAR, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN PROBLEMS, MR. PRIME MINISTER, YOU & I HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON -- WE BOTH HAVE TO DEAL WITH LEGISLATIVE BODIES WHICH ARE LED BY AN IRISH SPEAKER.

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SERIOUSLY, SO MANY OF OUR CITIZENS HAVE FAMILY TREES WITH ROUTS IN THE EMERALD ISLE. THIS WAS BROUGHT HOME TO ME DURING AN UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT WHICH TOOK PLACE SHORTLY AFTER ST. PATRICK'S DAY LAST YEAR. OUTSIDE THE WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL, SHOTS RANG OUT, & FOUR OF US WERE HIT! THOMAS DELAHANTY, A FINE POLICE OFFICER; TIMOTHY MCCARTHY, A MEMBER OF THE SECRET SERVICE DETAIL WHO DELIBERATELY PLACED HIMSELF BETWEEN ME & THE GUNMAN; & JIM BRADY, A FRIEND & TRUSTED ADVISOR. IT DOESN'T TAKE A GENEALOGIST TO FIGURE OUT THE ETHNIC ORIGIN OF THE WOUNDED MEN. IRISHMEN & THEIR DESCENDANTS HAVE ALWAYS PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN AMERICA'S HISTORY. SOME OF OUR MOST FIERY PATRIOTS -- THE ONES WHO INSPIRED THE COLONIES ONTO INDEPENDENCE -- WERE OF IRISH BLOOD. SOME HISTORIANS MIGHT SUGGEST THEY WERE TRYING TO SETTLE A SCORE WITH ENGLAND --WHY WOULD ANYONE THINK SUCH A THING IS BEYOND ME.

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THE TRUTH IS THERE ARE FEW PEOPLE ON THIS PLANET WHOSE HEARTS BURN WITH THE FLAME OF LIBERTY MORE THAN DO THE IRISH. MAYBE THAT'S WHY SO MANY WERE MOVED TO COME HERE & BE PART OF OUR NOBLE EXPERIMENT.

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IN A WORLD AWASH WITH DICTATORSHIP & DESPOTISH, WE CAN BE PROUD THAT IRELAND & THE UNITED STATES REMAIN DEDICATED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY.

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU, MR. PRIME MINISTER, ON YOUR RECENT ELECTION & PLEDGE TO YOU AN AMICABLE & TRUSTING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US,

ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, I WAS IN LOS ANGELES WHERE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GAVE ME A UNIQUE PRESENT. A SHILLELAGH. ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS SUGGESTED THAT I MIGHT USE IT TO GET LEGISLATION THROUGH THE CONGRESS. THAT'S UNE OF THE FEW THINGS I HADN'T THOUGHT OF, MR. PRIME MINISTER. IF YOU

HAVE ANY POINTERS, I'D BE MOST GRATEFUL.

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NANCY & I ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU JOIN US ON THIS SPECIAL DAY. IT'S GRAND TO HAVE YOU HERE IN THIS HOUSE -- WHICH I MIGHT ADD WAS DESIGNED BY ANOTHER OF ERIN'S SONS, AS WAS THE GREAT SEAL OF OUR NATION. NOW I ASK ALL OF YOU TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO OUR HONORED GUESTS, PRIME MINISTER & NRS. HAUGHEY.

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(Robrabacher/AB) March 16, 1982 11:00 a.m.

LUNCHEON FOR PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND, MARCH 17, 1982

Mr. Prime Minister, Mrs. Haughey (Haw-hee), honored guests, sons and daughters of Ireland and all of those who wish you were.

Last year I celebrated this important day lunching at the home of the Irish Ambassador. I'd only been at my current job for a short while and your Ambassador presented me a scroll detailing my family tree. I imagine he thought if I was assured of my Irish heritage I would be more certain that I could handle my new job.

Well, it's been a good year. Bething there have been further. Well, it's been a good year. However, I've had my problems. Mr. Prime Minister, I want you to know that you are not the only worth have to deal with here to deal with a legislature

headed by an Irish speaker.

Seriously, so many of our citizens have family trees with This was force to me roots in the Emerald Isle. This point was never more apparent than during an unfortunate incident which took place shortly after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>L'd-just left a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>L'd-just left a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>L'd-just left a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>L'd-just left a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>L'd-just left a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>L'd-just left a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>L'd-just left a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>L'd-just left a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>L'd-just left a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>L'd-just left a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>J'd-just left a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>J'd-just left a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>J'd-just left a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>J'd-just left a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>J'd-just left a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>J'd-just a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>J'd-just a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>J'd-just a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>J'd-just a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>J'd-just a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>J'd-just a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>J'd-just a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>J'd-just a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>J'd-just a speech at</u> after Saint Patrick's Day last year. <u>J'd-just a speech at</u> after Saint J'd-just a speech at year. <u>J'd-just a speech at</u> after Saint J'd-just a speech at year. <u>J'd-just a speech at</u> after Saint J'd-just a speech at year. J'd-just a speech at year. J'd-just a speech at year. J'd-just a speech at

Brady, a friend and trusted advisor. It dosent Take a genealogist to feame out the ? Thui It doesn't take a genealogist to figure out where the names origin of the mounded men. of these men originated.

Gf.course, Irishmen and their descendants have always played a significant role in America's history. Some of our most fiery Page 2

patriots -- the ones who inspired the colonies onto independence -- were of Irish blood. Later <u>lefferson's election</u> was supported by these same men and women. Some historians might suggest that these tolks were trying to settle a score with England -- new why would anyone think an Irishman would do the these tolks of the these tolks. The truck of the tolks of the settle a score with that?-- but I honestly don't think so.

Isbelievesthat there are few people on this planet whose more than hearts burn with the flame of liberty as do the Irish. That is maybe that why it was so natural over the years for so many of your people were more to come here to be part of this noble experiment in America.

> All of us can be proud that, in a world awash with (WECAN BE PROUN THAT, dictatorship and despotism, Treland and the United States remain dedicated to the principles of liberty. It is our shared-values as well as the Trish-heritage of many of our citizens which insures that our two peoples will remain dear to one another.

I want to take this occasion congratulate you Mr. Prime Minister on your recent election and to pledge to you an amicable and trusting relationship between us.

About 2 weeks ago I was in Los Angeles where the Board of Supervisors gave me an unique present: a shillelagh. One of the supervisors suggested that I might use it to get legislation That's one of the fast though the dot the start the s

When I was a boy, Saint Patrick's Dav was very special to Vency of the the Reagan Family. Johny I'm pleased to have you join us for on This Aferend day, for

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lunch. In a true sense, all of us are of the same family. So it's grand to have you here in this house -- which I might add was designed by another of our clany Now I ask all of you to join me in a toast to our honored guests, Prime Minister and Mrs. Haughey. mode - interaction sonae englise of unreset of the same family - St

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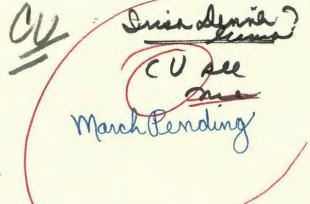
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SUBJECT:

FROM:

I would recommend that John Cosgrove be invited to the St. Patrick's Day luncheon for Prime Minister Fitzgerald of Ireland.

Cosgrove is Irish-American, was president of the National Press Club for many years, and is a great supporter of the President. Also Cosgrove has known Garret FitzGerald for a number of years, including when he served as president of the American Irish Foundation and a member of the Board of Directors.



JOHN P. COSGROVE

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December 10, 1981

Dear Greg,

The Dec ember 12 issue of the Irish Echo carries a front page story on Deputy Secretary of State William Clark visit to Dublin which may be of interest to you.

Also the fact that the President has invited the Taoiseach to lunch at The White House next March 17. It has been my pleasure to have known Garret FitzGerald for a number of years, especially during my time as President of the American Irish Foundation and while serving on the Board of Directors.

Hope all is well with you and that we'll have the pleasure of your company again soon.

With warm personal regards and all good wishes.

Since Cosgrove

Mr. Gergory Newell
Special Assistant
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The White House
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Washington, D.C. 20500



Ban Paisley from U.S.—INC

WASHINGTON-The Irish National Cancus has launched a campaign to ban the Rev. Ian Paisley from entoring the United States, Paisley is due to enter in the new year. In a letter to Secretary of State Alexander Haig and President Reagan, Fr. an McManus, national director the INC said, "over the past cade a number of Irish people from both parts of Ireland (the Irish Republic and Northern Irisiand) have been denied entry into the United States to give their point of view regarding the problem in Northern Ireland on the grounds that they are associated with for , have idvocated violence.

"It is herefore most extraordinary that the one person who must peuple in Ireland and England would essociate closely with violence, political hatrid and bigotry is free to travel as he pleases to the United Status - the Rev. Ian Paisley.

Br. McMains also announced that members of Congress were being asked to sign a letter to the Secretary of State making the same demand. Congressmen Bill Carney (R M.Y.) is circulating this "Dear Colleague" letter. "We want at least 100 congressmen and soutters to sign this letter," said fr. McMinnus. "It is of intmense inportance that Paisley be banned from the United States," be said. "I urge all our members and supporters and all Irish organizations to give this project top priority. Congress will soon be recessing. We haven i much time. We have to inundate our congressmen and senators with letters and calls,"

which would prevent the issuance of a visa and accordingly a visa

was issued." I believe Mr. Paisley's actions in recent weeks warrant a reversal of this action. Some

examples. He has stated on repeated occasions that he will

make Northern Ireland "ungovernable." Finally, an article from the

November New York Times reported, 'The Reverand Ian Paisley, the militant Protestant

leader, marched 4,000 men in

military formation through the

town of Newtownards tonight and

told them they should be

No new N.I. plan says Reagan aide

DUBLIN — William Clark, the U.S. Deputy Secretary of State said last Sunday (Dec. 6) that no new plans or initiatives on Northern Ireland had been discussed during his visit to Ireland, "other than our hopes and prayers that everything there will work out.

Mr. Clark, who was leaving after a 2'2-day visit, said at Dublin Airport, that, as President Reagan's letter to Irish Prime Minister - Garret FitzGerald had made clear "the position of the United States Government with regard to the iverinern ineland question is founded on President Reagan's statement of last March. We believe deeply that a just and peaceful resolution of the problems of Northern Ireland is imperative and must come from the people themselves.

the people themselves. "We believe that any lasting solution must be found in the process of reconciliation between the two Irish political traditions and between Britain and Ireland."

Mr. Clark said that he had told the Impineach (Mr. FitzGerald) of President Reagan's support for the Anglo-Irish moves towards co-operations and reconciliation, and of his condemnation of terrorism. Terrorism, he said, "was a hideous disease of today's world - a disease that must be fought by civilised people everywhere. My government will do all it can to assure that terrorists do not receive aid or comfort from e living in States." **Irish** sources indicated afterwards that Mr. Clark had received a general briefing on events since the end of the hunger-strike, including the London Summit, the hilling W Robert Bradford, MP, and the setting up fo the Loyalist "third force." Mr. Clark, who declined to answer press questions, said simply that, apart from Northern Ireland, his talk had covered East - West relations, North -South issues, Central America;

Africa and terrorism. It was confirmed, however, that the trish championing of human rights in El Salvador, one which concerns the U.S. was discussed, as was the U.S. embargo on the sale by Aer Lingua of a Boeing 707 to Libya.

In the United States view, the airplane might be used to transport troops to Chad aad other areas of unrest. Aer Lingus, however, have encurned the considerable costs of preparing the airplane for the now abandoned sale, and there has been speculations that the U.S. might consider compensation. The Irish case was put to Mr. Clark at the weekend and he is reported to har stened sympathetically.

M1. Clark, who was accompanied by his wife, Jan, said that he was looking forward to seeing the Taoiseach in Washington in March (FitzGerald has been invited to

Text of Reagan letter to FitzGerald

DUBLIN — The following letter from President Ronald Respon to Prime Minister Garret Finderald was released in Dublic on Dec. 4. It reads as follows: "Dear Mr. Prime Minister, Lot

"Dear Mr. Prime Minister, Lot me take this opportunity to thank you for your kind invitation to William Clark, Deputy Secretary of Nine its while belowd between Britsin and Ireland. The United States welcomes the efforts of the Irish and British Governments in widening the Iramework of their cooperation to this end.

William Clark

lunch in the White House on St.

Patrick's Day.) The deputy

secretary of State was returning

to brief the Secretary of State,

Mr. Alexander Haig, before Mr. Haig attended this week's NATO

meetings.

"But as much as our hearts long for a settlement, it is not for the United States to chart the course others must follow. If the are must come from the people themselves. I wish to add a personal note of my support and encouragement for the efforts you and Prime Minister Thatcher have made in widening the framework of your cooperation to the achievement of that goal. **I am sorry that your schedule did not permit a visit to the United States this fall, but if it is possible for you to be here next March 17, I would be most honored if you could join me for lunch on that day. Sincerely, Ronald Reagan,"

Paisley approaches Biaggi for a meeting

WASHINGTON — U.S. Representative Mario Biaggi (D--NY) has disclosed that a representative of the Reverand lan Paisley, the Northern Ireland Unionist lender and two other British. Members of Parliament will visit the United States on January 35 and 26. Biaggi said he was "surprised by the overture uppecially aince on Nov. 24, I britte a letter to Secretary of Bate Haig seeking a revocation of Paisley's visa."

The Bronx — Quellin Congreasman's bitter said in part:

Dear Mr. Secretary: As

Chairman of the 121-member Ad Hoc Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs, I am writing to unge that the Department of State revoke the multiple-entry visa granted to the Reverand Lan Patsley of Northern Ireland.

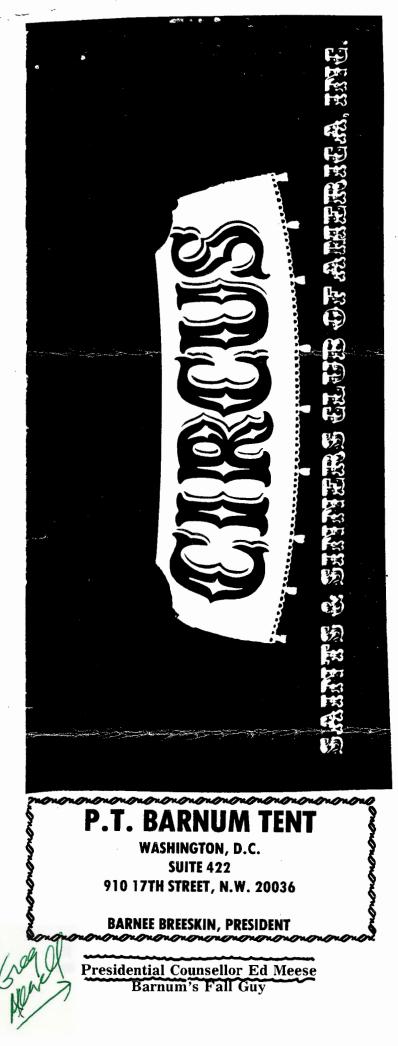
In a letter sent to me by Assistant Secretary of State Exchant Pairbanks, he said, "Mr. Ian Pateley applied for a visa in late 1980. After careful municlevation of his application, it was determined that there down an grounds of kieligibility Roman Catholic Republican guerillas."

These are statements which demonstrate sufficient intent to engage in violence, advocating the overthrow of an existing government has determined to be grounds for ineligibility for other individuals from Northerin Ireland. I contend that Mr. Paisley is ineligible under the terms of Section \$12(a) (27) for he has clearly engaged in activities prejudicial to American public interest. ON LYNNIN, OU VEDIC II CHAILO.

"In addition to reviewing the many issues we face together around the world, he will want to huar your views on Northern Indiana. The problems there are of transmotous concern to me, and I will continue to affirm the principles of my St. Patrick's Day statement — support for just and peaceful solutions and condemnation of all terrorism and vielence. "We believe a lasting solution

"We believe a lasting solution can be found only in a process of reconciliation between the two Irish political traditions, and

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Story By John Cosgrove Photos By Basil Jewell

Washington, Sept. 16, 1981 — For a few brief hours today the seat (if not the head) of government was transferred to the Saints and Sinners luncheon at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.

President Reagan was still in the oval office, Vice President Bush in the well of the Senate, Secretary of State Haig in the audience, and Presidential Counsellor Edwin W. Meese III in charge of his good humor as he submitted to the roasting expertly accorded by the P.T. Barnum Tent.

Tent President Barnee Breeskin, let it be known that the Washington tent has an impressive run of VIP Fall Guys, "to mention a few," . . . "Senator Howard Baker, Majority Leader of the Senate; Rep. Bob Michel, Republican Leader of the House of Representatives; Sen. Barry Goldwater, "Senator" Elizabeth Taylor Warner, "Saint" Henry Kissinger, Vice President "Dick" Nixon, Vice President Spiro Agnew, Vice President Humbert Humphrey, Vice President "Jerry" Ford, and finally "President" Ed Meese. And, we didn't have to wake him up at 4:30 in the morning to get him here."

Executive Vice President Donald Dawson, escorted Fall Guy Meese, dressed as an oldfashioned Alameda County policeman, reminiscent of his earlier days as a "law and order" prosecutor in his native California.

Vice President "Bill" Hill brought the house lights down, called the program to order, and put the spotlight on Pete Boruta for the opening Tent ritual. After a rousing "WE WILL", roustabout chow was served and the show was underway on center stage. Director "Tiny" Meeker sounded off with Ambassador "Bill" Middendorf's "Saints and Sinners March."

The place was filled with the sound of bureaucrats and legislators. Conspicuous was the lack of representation from the judicial branch of the federal government. Perhaps with forethought in mind, not wanting to have to pass judgement on either the food nor subsequent charges by Louse Biographer Bill Bruce, the Mark Russell of the South.

M.C. "Bill" Hill invited Secretary of State Alexander Haig to come up from the audience to say a few words for or against the White House Troika Chieftain.

Secretary Haig said he would like the assembled audience "to know that Ed Meese already knew . . . that I am the best team player in the Reagan Administration." It brought down the house, as well as a wide smile from Counsellor Meese.

Louse Biographer Bruce, noting the presence of Cabinet members and White House staffers, prayed that these few hours would pass without a national emergency. Otherwise President Reagan would have to run the government himself, until the luncheon guests could return to the Executive Office.

Fail Guy Meese had requested that the Tent's charitable contribution be given to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Treasurer "Chick" De Thomasis presented the check which was then acknowledged by local MS Chairman Milt Mitler, also a member of the P.T. Barnum Tent.

After the "roast" skit and continued searing by Mr. Bruce, Counsellor Meese responded with fun and fury in keeping with the spirit of the program. "But, throughout, from arrival to departure, the roast, and the toast, Ed Meese showed himself to be one of us, well qualified to be both saint and sinner," remarked Chairman Philip Talbott.

It was generally agreed that S&S Meese is entitled to wear, simultaneously, his halo and trident symbolic of his personality to take it, to dish it out, to absorb it or to absurd it. He has earned the right to remain in the kitchen, no matter how hot the heat, and to stop the buck from stopping at the President's desk.

Should President Reagan again ask "WHERE'S THE REST OF MEece?" he might try the P.T. Barnum Tent, because one September day Ed Meese gave a large part of himself to the Circus Saints and Sinners.

We thank you and we salute you, Big Ed.



Fall-Guy Ed Meese and Chick De Thomasis, National Eastern Regional Vice President and Treasurer of the P.T. Barnum Tent.



Ed Meese, Donald Dawson and Wm. French Smith, Attorney General of the United States.



Ed Meese and 3rd National Vice President Al DeLong.



(L to R) Chairman of the Board, P.T. Barnum Tent, Phil Talbot, Fall-Guy Ed Meese, Gen. Donald Dawson, Exec. V.P. of Barnum Tent, Barnee Breeskin, Pres. of Barnum Tent.



John Cosgrove, First V.P. of Barnum Tent, Ed Meese, and Republican National Committee Treasurer Bill McManus.

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17 April, 1982. Oifig an Taoisigh Office of the Taoiseach

His Excellency, Ronald W. Reagan, President of the United States of America, Anappiney, Charles Washington, D.C.

My Dean President,

It was a very great pleasure to meet you and your charming wife at the White House on St. Patrick's Day. I wish to express to you both the deep appreciation shared by my wife, daughter and myself of the personal warmth and friendliness of your welcome and hospitality.

As a newly-elected Prime Minister, it would at any time have been most valuable for me to have the opportunity for discussions with the President of the United States. But to meet on St. Patrick's Day a President of Irish name and descent could not but evoke in me deep feelings of emotion and pride in the achievements of our people in the United States. I knew long before I went to Washington, Mr. President, of your reputation as a gracious host and our meeting showed me how you combine humour with friendliness and hospitality to make a most formidable political personality.

I very much hope that I will have the opportunity to reciprocate your hospitality and to welcome you on a visit to Ireland and it is my wish that we will see you here before too long. It would be a great personal pleasure for me to extend to you the traditional welcome to the land of your forbears. In the meantime, I offer you my sincere good wishes for your success in dealing with the awesome duties of your high office. Please tell Mrs. Reagan that I wish her well in her humanitarian efforts to cope with the great modern menace of drug addiction.

With warmest regards.

Yours sincerely,

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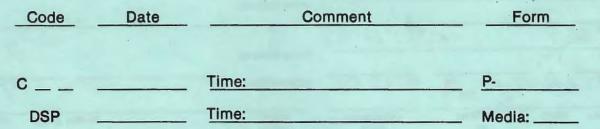
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Dear Ray:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent letter urging that the reunification of Ireland be made part of the official foreign policy of the United States.

We appreciate hearing from you and receiving your offer to be of assistance in this regard. Your letter is now being shared with the appropriate foreign policy advisers, and you should hear further following the necessary review.

Again, thank you for bringing to our attention your views and concerns regarding this important issue.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein Assistant to the President

The Honorable Raymond J. McGrath House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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President Ronald W. Reagan The White House Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

At a recent meeting held in Washington D.C. between the newly elected officers of the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Irish Foreign Minister Collins, discussions took place outlining the goals and objectives of the Irish Government in finding a solution to the problem of reuniting the Republic of Ireland with the six northeast counties.

As a result of that meeting it was agreed that the reunification of the six counties with the Republic of Ireland was the only acceptable solution. It was also agreed that the issue of the reunification of Ireland should be part of the official foreign policy of the United States. I am in full agreement with both goals, and I endorse the efforts of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to petition our government in an effort to see them come to fruition.

Since your administration took office almost two years ago, you have met with government leaders from both Ireland and England. I have been encouraged by your willingness to listen to the objectives of both countries as they relate to the conflict in northeast Ireland, and it is for this reason that I respectfully urge you to make the reunification of Ireland part of the official foreign policy of the United States.

It has been said that a special relationship exists between the United States and England, and certainly nobody can question the freedom loving spirit of the Irish. Their contribution to our own American tradition of freedom and democracy is well documented. Therefore, I believe that we in the United States are the one great hope of all the parties involved in the tragedy of northeast Ireland, if a solution is to be found.

I am convinced that no solution can be successful unless it provides for the reunification of all Ireland. The Irish are a fiercely independent race of people, and it is that independence that now serves to divide the people. It is my firm conviction that with your efforts, Mr. President, and the support of the Congress and the American people, using our own form of government as a model, the people of the six northeast counties of Ireland can be shown that it is in their own best interest to be reunited with their fellow Irishmen in the Republic of Ireland. Of course, any solution must clearly provide for some of the cultural differences that exist between the two groups of people, and must guarantee the full participation of the minority as well as the majority in the governing of a thirty two county Ireland.

In order to demonstrate our government's intent to help mediate a solution to the problem, I believe that we must make the reunification of Ireland a part of our foreign policy. By doing so we will be showing all parties concerned that the American people, through their government, are most serious in their desire to see an end to the strife that has for so long engulfed such a great people.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this matter, and please be assured that I stand ready to assist you in any way possible in this great endeavor.

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RAYMOND J. McGRATH Member of Congress

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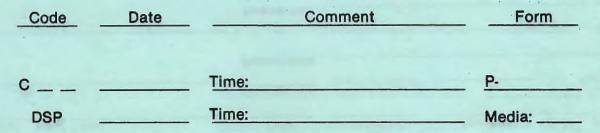
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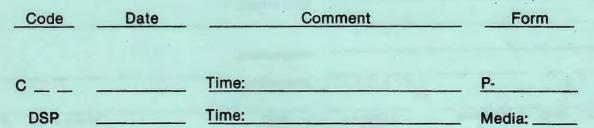
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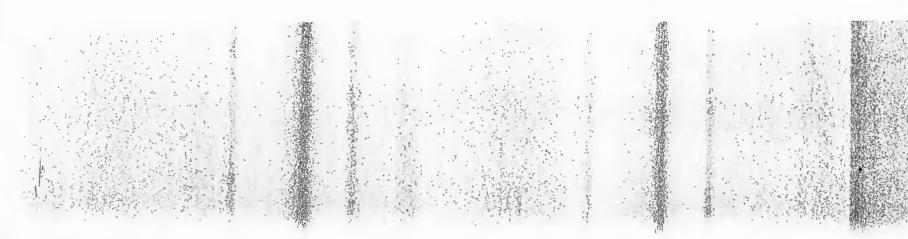
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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III Executive Secretary Department of State

Presidential Correspondence with the new SUBJECT: Irish Prime Minister, Garret M. FitzGerald

Your memorandum of January 15 forwarded for signature a letter from the President to Prime Minister FitzGerald inviting him for a visit to Washington later this year. Until the Department submits its full recommendation list for working visits for the second half of 1983, it is not appropriate for the President to extend this invitation.

Michael O. Wheeler

Michael O. Wheeler Staff Secretary

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January 24, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON

FROM: DENNIS CALAIR

SUBJECT: Presidential Correspondence with the new Irish Prime Minister, Garret M. FitzGerald

Attached at Tab II is a memo from State forwarding a letter for the President to sign inviting Prime Minister FitzGerald to Washington for a working visit "if it should prove possible on both our schedules." The President should not sign such a letter until overall decisions have been made on the working visits for the second half of 1983. Mike Wheeler's memorandum back to State at Tab I informs them that the request for the FitzGerald visit should be deferred until all the requests for the rest of the year are submitted.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve Mike Wheeler's memo to State at Tab I, informing them to resubmit the FitzGerald request with the overall requests for 1983.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Presidential Correspondence with the new Irish Prime Minister, Garret M. FitzGerald

The December 21 letter from Prime Minister FitzGerald, which acknowledges the President's message of congratulations and which was transmitted to the Department on January 7, does not require a reply.

It should be noted that FitzGerald raised the subject of the President's interest in Northern Ireland, thanking him for encouraging reconciliation "between the two political traditions in Ireland" -- language drawn from the President's December 1, 1981 letter to FitzGerald.

Pursuant to your discussions of January 4 and 5 with the US Ambassador to Ireland, Peter H. Dailey, the Department submits herewith a draft letter from the President, inviting FitzGerald to make a working visit to the United States during 1983 at a mutually agreeable time. The draft letter reiterates the President's personal interest in the Northern Ireland problem.

FitzGerald was unable to accept the President's invitation to visit the US last March 17 because of his government's loss in the February 1982 Irish elections.

The Department supports a working visit in principle by FitzGerald during the second half of 1983. However, as you are aware, we will be providing to you later this spring our recommendation for working visits in the second half of 1983. We would prefer to defer a recommendation until then, when we will be better able to place this visit request in perspective relative to other priorities.

Executive Secretary

Attachment:

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21 December, 1982.

The Honourable Mr. Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, The White House, Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your kind letter of congratulations on the assumption of office of my Government.

I greatly value your message of encouragement to me as we embark upon our difficult task. I fully reciprocate your commitment to the close links between our two countries which have been forged by history. I look forward to future opportunities to meet with you to discuss our common interests and problems.

As regards our quest for a lasting solution to the problem of division in Northern Ireland, we value also your encouragement of reconciliation between the two political traditions in Ireland and co-operation between Britain and Ireland, as well as your commitment to facilitate growth of additional job-creating investment from the United States to the benefit of all the people of Ireland.

With my best wishes and regards.

Yours sincerely, biseach

SUGGESTED MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER FITZGERALD

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am certain that your responsibilities of office during the early months of your government are especially numerous and important. If, however, later this year it should prove possible on both our schedules, I would be most pleased to welcome you to Washington for a working visit which would give us both an opportunity to review those many issues of interest to our two governments.

Your counsel as to how the United States might be most effective and helpful in promoting reconciliation among those involved in the Northern Ireland conflict will be especially valuable to me.

With my very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

His Excellency Dr. Garret M. FitzGerald, Prime Minister of Ireland, Dublin.

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

DENNISKC ABLAIR

SUBJECT:

Vice President's Meeting with Dr. Garret FitzGerald 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 23, 1982

You will be joining the Vice President for his meeting with Dr. FitzGerald. The only other non-U.S. participant will be Dan Eagin, the press spokesman for the Fine Gael party. Attached are the excellent and comprehensive State briefing points for the Vice President. We can anticipate that the two subjects most on Dr. FitzGerald's mind will be the Prior initiatives for Northern Ireland and the Middle East.

At the dinner you attended last month at the British Embassy for Jim Prior, you struck just the right note concerning the U.S. attitude towards the initiative: the Prior initiative offers opportunities for the people of Northern Ireland to work towards a solution to the problems that divide them, but it is not for the United States to take an official position on the details of the proposal. It will be interesting to hear FitzGerald's current thinking on the initiative.

On the Middle East, FitzGerald will be interested in the latest state of play, especially our plans for the MNF. He is acutely conscious of peacekeeping forces in Lebanon because of the Irish experience in the UNIFIL forces which the Israelis brushed aside when they invaded southern Lebanon,

Attachment:

Tab I Briefing points for the Vice President

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### CONFIDENTIAL OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT WASHINGTON

September 22, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

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THROUGH: Admiral Murphy

FROM: Don GreggDA

Philip Hughes

SUBJECT: Meeting with Former Irish Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald, September 23, 1982, 10:00 a.m.

Ambassador Dailey in Dublin strongly recommended that you receive Dr. FitzGerald, who is now leader of Ireland's main opposition party, during his visit to the U.S. You will recall meeting with Dr. FitzGerald on April 1 last year just prior to his nine month tenure as Irish Prime Minister. You also joined in the President's March 17, 1982 meeting with current Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey, who unseated FitzGerald shortly before the meeting.

The State Department briefing paper (Tab A) adequately covers the most likely topics for your discussion. Beyond emphasizing our desire for continued close relations with Ireland, you may wish to avoid detailed discussion of the Northern Ireland conflict, on which we remain strictly neutral, and of current Irish politics, in which FitzGerald has a major personal stake. You might wish to focus your discussion on two areas of interest to Fitzgerald:

- The Middle East. (Fitzgerald's purpose in visiting the U.S. last April was to join in a Trilateral Commission meeting on the Middle East); and
- <u>The prospects for economic recovery</u>. (Fitzgerald's economic program for Ireland contained many austerity elements similar to our own.)

While FitzGerald has not been vocally critical of our policy toward El Salvador recently, he has criticized our approach in the past and could raise this subject.

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FitzGerald's biography is attached at Tab B. He will be accompanied to your meeting by Dan Eagin, Fine Gael party press spokesman, and by:

Judge Clark Admiral Murphy Don Gregg James Dobbins, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs Dennis Blair, NSC Staff

Talking points for use in your meeting are attached at Tab C.



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I.

#### Visit of Former Irish Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald September 23, 1982

#### SETTING AND OBJECTIVES

Dr. FitzGerald, who called on you in April 1981 before he became Prime Minister, is seeking to strengthen his personal ties to the Administration and to the influential Congressional "Friends of Ireland". FitzGerald is the deader of Ireland's centrist opposition Fine Gael party which holds 63 of the 166 seats in parliament. He hopes to regain the office of Prime Minister should budget and other economic issues force the Haughey government to call elections this fall. Severe economic troubles are straining the social and political fabric in Ireland, North and South, complicating efforts to resolve the Northern Ireland issue. FitzGerald pursues a low-key approach on Northern Ireland, in contrast to Prime Minister Haughey's present tack which at times has been confrontational toward Britain.

Your meeting with Dr. FitzGerald provides an opportunity to reaffirm the importance we attach to our relations with Ireland and to an improvement in the Anglo-Irish dialogue. We have carefully held to a position of impartiality on the Northern Ireland issue. FitzGerald would welcome your views on the Middle East and prospects for US economic recovery.

- 1. Affirm the importance of our relations with Ireland.
- 2. Reiterate our views on Northern Ireland.
- 3. Emphasize our interest in better Anglo-Irish relations.
- 4. Comment on the most recent Hiddle East developments.
- 5. Discuss prospects for US economic recovery.

#### II. ISSUES TO BE RAISED

1. Affirm the importance of our relations with Ireland. Since Ireland joined the EC, the axis of influence in Irish policy has shifted from Washington to Brussels. As a neutral, non-NATO member of the EC, dreland frequently supports the US on foreign policy issues but such support can no longer be taken for granted. By inclination FitzGerald is an internationalist. As Prime Minister he occasionally was sharply critical of US policy, for example in El Salvador. Ireland is active in the UN and contributes troops to UNIFIL along the Israeli-Lebanese border.



2. Reiterate our views on Northern Ireland. In his March 17 statement the President said we will continue to urge the parties to come together for a just solution and to condemn all acts of terrorism and violence. He renewed his request to Americans not to contribute in any way to groups involved in violence and pledged to maintain the US commitment to encourage job-creating investment in Ireland, North and South.

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3. Emphasize our interest in better Anglo-Irish relations. FitzGerald shares our interest in improved Anglo-Irish relations. He has blamed Prime Minister Haughey's withdrawal of support for Britain during the Falklands crisis as a "stupid antic" designed to win political popularity. His deeper concern is that the freeze in relations with Britain has set back cooperation between the two governments on finding a solution to the Northern Ireland conflict. FitzGerald believes there is little hope-of success for Britain's proposed Northern Ireland Assembly -- elections are scheduled October 20 -unless the plan is modified to formally recognize power-sharing between the Catholic and Protestant communities. He fears that if the present British devolution plan fails, Margaret Thatcher may seek to incorporate the province fully into the United Kingdom, leading to even greater violence.

4. <u>Comment on the most recent Middle East developments</u>, <u>especially Lebanon</u>. The Irish Government has not responded officially to the President's Middle East proposal but is expected to support a common EC position. Ireland's Middle East policy is increasingly critical of Israel. The Irish believe there can be no lasting peace without the full involvement of the Palestinian people, but during their term on the Security Council the Irish have worked to moderate extremist Arab resolutions. FitzGerald will probably support the GOI's approach to the region.

5. Discuss prospects for US economic recovery. Some encouraging signs in the US economy are emerging. Real GNP turned upward in the second quarter. Inflation has risen at a rate less than 5 percent so far this year. The sharp drop in interest rates and the surge in the stock market greatly improve the prospect for a second-half recovery. Economic activity should pick up momentum with GDP rising about 4 percent in 1983. FitzGerald believes prospects for recovery in Ireland, which suffers from zero growth and 16 percent unemployment, are dependent upon the turn-around in the US.

#### III. CONTINGENCY ISSUE (only if raised)

1. Britain's Northern Ireland initiative. We have avoided any public comment on Britain's plans for assembly elections in Northern Ireland. We are supportive generally of British efforts which could lead to a peaceful solution.

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#### TALKING POINTS

#### RELATIONSHIP WITH IRELAND

-- We attach great importance to our relationship with Ireland and to Ireland's contributions in international affairs.

- - The US will continue to work to strengthen our relationship.

#### US POLICY ON NORTHERN IRELAND

-- The President's March 17 statement is the basis of US policy on Northern Ireland.

-- We will continue to do what we can to encourage reconciliation among all parties and an end to violence.

-- A resolution of the Northern Ireland issue should be worked out among the people themselves.

#### ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS

-- Do you foresee an improvement in Anglo-Irish relations?

#### MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS

-- A key part of our effort in Lebanon will be to negotiate a framework for the early withdrawal of all foreign forces.

-- A strengthened UNIFIL with a wider mandate remains our preferred option as a peacekeeping force. We hope Ireland will continue its participation in UNIFIL.

#### US ECONOMIC RECOVERY

-- High long-term interest rates have been an major cause of the recession and the main reason for the delay of the recovery. There is now a reasonable prospect of a significant reduction in long-term rates.

-- With lower rates, the effects of lower inflation and the tax cuts should support an accelerating, sustained recovery.

-- The US recovery will help recovery in the OECD area.

-- How do you see the Irish economy?

#### BRITAIN'S NORTHERN IRELAND INITIATIVE (if asked)

-- We hope the British proposals will help lead to a peaceful solution in Northern Ireland, but these are issues which should be worked out in Ireland and Britain.



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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: DENNIR

SUBJECT: Garrett FitzGerald's Visit to Washington

In his cable on the FitzGerald visit, Ambassador Dailey requested that the Middle East and two economic subjects be covered. I have confirmed with State that Larry Eagleburger will cover the Middle East, and that Ken Damm will cover the economic topics.

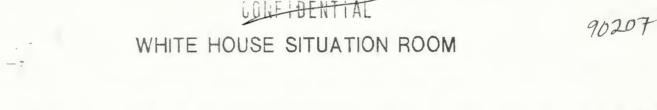
FitzGerald is scheduled to meet with the Vice President on Thursday, Sept. 23, at 10:00 a.m. You told me when this meeting was set up that you intended to sit in on the meeting, in view of your interest in Ireland and your friendship with FitzGerald.

Irish Foreign Minister Collins will be visiting in early October. The Irish Embassy will be trying for meetings for him with the Vice President, with you, and a photo stop with the President. This is clearly overkill. At the most, I would recommend a short meeting with you based on your interest in Irish affairs. Normally, we would not meet in the White House at all with the foreign minister of a small neutral country that has not been particularly helpful to the United States.

Recommendations:



- That you sit in on the Vice President's meeting with FitzGerald
- That you agree to meet with Foregin Minister Collins, but disapprove meetings with the Vice President or President



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FUTURE. HIS VISIT WILL ALLOW HIM TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH THE US POSITION ON SEVERAL VITAL ISSUES. IN A SEPTEMBER 13 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR DAILEY HE OUTLINED HIS POSITION ON OR QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WHICH HE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS IN WASHINGTON: A. NORTHERN IRELAND

- _ B. THE MIDDLE EAST
- C. THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SITUATION
- THE US ECONOMIC SITUATION

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3. SINCE DE VALERA'S DAYS IRISH POLITICIANS HAVE CUSTOMARILY MAINTAINED THEIR CLOSE CONTACTS WITH THE US GOVERNMENT AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND VISITS TO THE US ARE, THEREFORE, FREQUENT, FINESGAEL PARTY LEADER DR. GARRET FITZGERALD. IN DECEMBER OF 1981 WHILE STILL PRIME MINISTER. WAS INVITED TO PAY SUCH A VISIT BY PRESIDENT REAGAN ON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY 1982. IN THE EVENT, WITH THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT ON MARCH 9. IT WAS HIS SUCCESSOR CHARLES HAUGHEY WHO MADE THE TRIP.

4. DR. FITZGERALD'S VISIT NOW INCLUDES STOPS IN BOSTON, NEW YORK, WASHINGTON AND SAN FRANCISCO ON PRIVATE BUSINESS AND TO GIVE SPEECHES. HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON (SEPTEMBER 22-24) IS, THEREFORE, SOMETHING OF A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY VISIT HE DIDN'T GET TO MAKE. IN PART HE WILL WANT TO EXPAND UPON CONTACTS HE MADE WITH JUDGE CLARK AND AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER DURING THEIR DECEMBER 1981 VISIT TO DUBLIN. IN ADDITION HE WILL FOLLOW UP ON PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE FRIENDS OF IRELAND (PARTICULARLY CONGRESSMEN FOLEY AND SHANNON) WHO VISITED DUBLIN IN JUNE.

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5. WITH THE CURRENT FIANNA FAIL GOVERNMENT OF CHARLES HAUGHEY IN A MINORITY SITUATION IN THE DAIL (LOWER--AND MORE POWERFUL--HOUSE OF THE IRISH PARLIAMENT) AND FACING STRONG POLITICAL CHALLENGE WHEN THE DAIL RECONVENES ON OCTOBER 27, THE POSSIBILITY OF NEW ELECTIONS IS A REAL ONE. FITZGERALD MUST THEREFORE BE REGARDED AS A "PRIME MINISTER PRESUMPTIVE", (ALTHOUGH IT MUST EQUALLY BE CONCEDED THAT THE HAUGHEY GOVERNMENT COULD CONTINUE IN OFFICE FOR MANY MONTHS TO COME--THOUGH PERHAPS VARELY AVERTING DISASTER WITH EACH NEW DAIL VOTE).

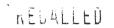
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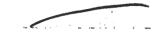
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DR. FITZGERALD IS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE WOULD LIKE TO BE THOROUGHLY BRIEFED ON OUR CURRENT PROPOSAL AND THE PROSPECTS FOR AN EVENTUAL COMPROMISE. HE IS QUITE INTERESTED IN A PERSONAL PROJECT. IN CONJUNCTION WITH SEVERAL PROMINENT POLITICAL FIGURES IN GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND AMERICA (ROBERT MCNAMARA, FORMER HEAD OF THE WORLD BANK), HE IS WORKING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A "WEST BANK FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT". IT'S AN IMPORTANT PROJECT FOR HIM AND I'M SURE WE WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT IT. C. THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SITUATION

DR. FITZGERALD WOULD LIKE AN IN-DEPTH BRIEFING ON THE RECENT IMF CONFERENCE IN TORONTO.

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D. US ECONOMIC SITUATION AND PROSPECTS FOR RECOVERY

DR. FITZGERALD BELIEVES THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR RECOVERY IN IRELAND ARE DEPENDENT UPON THE TURN-AROUND IN THE US ECONOMY. HE IS INTERESTED IN HAVING AN UP-TO-DATE REVIEW OF CURRENT US ECONOMIC PROSPECTS. DAILEY BT

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