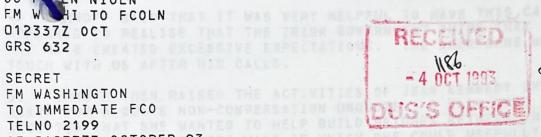
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NORTHERN IRELAND

WIR OURSELVES AS, OTHERWISE, THERE COULD BE SOME PUBL 1. CONVERSATION WITH TARNOFF ABOUT JOHN HUME AND JEAN KENNEDY

2. I HAD A WORD WITH TARNOFF, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, ABOUT JOHN HUME'S VISIT. I SAID THAT HE WOULD BE SEEING NANCY SODERBERG AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND MIGHT GET TO SHAKE THE PRESIDENT'S HAND. HE WOULD ALSO BE RECEIVED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

- 3. I SAID THAT WE HAD A HIGH REGARD FOR JOHN HUME WHO HAD SHOWN GREAT COURAGE OVER THE YEARS IN HIS DEALINGS WITH THE IRA AND HAD AN ABSOLUTE COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS. WE DID NOT HAVE A READOUT OF HIS DICUSSIONS WITH GERRY ADAMS BUT SOME SECTIONS OF THE PRESS APPEARED TO BE SUGGESTING THAT THESE MIGHT HAVE ACHIEVED MORE THAN WE SUSPECTED TO BE THE CASE. I WANTED TO MAKE OUR POSITION CLEAR ON THREE POINTS:
- A) VIOLENCE. WHAT WAS REQUIRED FROM THE IRA WAS A CESSATION OF VIOLENCE AND NOT SOME KIND OF QUOTE CEASE-FIRE UNQUOTE. THE /IOLENCE WOULD HAVE TO END FOR A LONG ENOUGH TIME TO CONVINCE SCEPTICAL MINDS THAT A REAL CHANGE HAD TAKEN PLACE. SO FAR WHAT WE HAD WITNESSED HAD BEEN MORE BOMB EXPLOSIONS IN BELFAST. WE WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THOSE COMMITTED TO VIOLENCE AND NOR WOULD THE IRISH GOVERNMENT.
- 3) SELF-DETERMINATION. THE PRESS WERE SUGGESTING THAT ADAMS VANTED A COMMITMENT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. THERE ALREADY WAS A COMMITMENT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AS EXPRESSED IN ARTICLE ONE OF THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT. THE CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS OF NORTHERN IRELAND WOULD BE CHANGED IF A MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE WANTED IT TO BUT NOT OTHERWISE. THAT WAS THE POSITION ALSO OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT.
- ) PEACE ENVOY. I SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD CONTINUE TO 3E VERY CAREFUL ABOUT THIS. ALTHOUGH THEY SOMETIMES GAVE MIXED SIGNALS, WE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WERE MUCH 40RE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE IDEA THAN WE WERE. I HOPED THAT THE AMERICANS WOULD LISTEN SYMPATHETICALLY TO JOHN HUME. IF THERE WERE ANY POINTS THEY WISHED TO FOLLOW UP, THEY SHOULD RAISE THEM WITH

- US. AS THE PRIME MINISTER HAD MADE CLEAR TO THE PRESIDENT, POINTMENT OF AN ENVOY WOULD CAUSE A VIOLENT REACTION FROM THE UNINISTS AND BE LIKELY TO END IN FIASCO.
- APPEARED TO REALISE THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT THINK THAT JOHN HUME MAY HAVE CREATED EXCESSIVE EXPECTATIONS. THE AMERICANS WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US AFTER HIS CALLS.
- TARNOFF THEN RAISED THE ACTIVITIES OF JEAN KENNEDY SMITH. ASKED FOR A QUOTE NON-CONVERSATION UNQUOTE. I SAID THAT WE ACCEPTED THAT SHE WANTED TO HELP BUILD BRIDGES BETWEEN THE COMMUNITIES. THERE WERE WAYS IN WHICH SHE COULD USEFULLY DO SO EG BY INVITING SOME UNIONISTS TO DUBLIN OR SHOWING SUPPORT FOR VENTURES BY THE AMERICAN IRISH FUND, THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR IRELAND ETC. BUT IT HAD BEEN A SERIOUS MISTAKE TO ATTEND A TRIAL OF REPUBLICANS IN THE NORTH. IT ALSO WAS A MISTAKE TO BE SEEN WITH GERRY ADAMS. RAY SEITZ WAS VERY WORRIED ABOUT THIS AND HE WAS RIGHT. ANY SUCCESSOR TO SEITZ WOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT IT TOO. TARNOFF STRONGLY AGREED. HE SAID THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF HER ATTENDING THE TRIAL. THEY WERE NOW COMMUNICATING WITH HER ABOUT THIS. TARNOFF SAID THAT WE HAD BEEN ABSOLUTELY RIGHT TO TRY TO HANDLE THIS WITH A FAIRLY LIGHT TOUCH OURSELVES AS, OTHERWISE, THERE COULD BE SOME PUBLIC DAMAGE HERE. THEY WILL BE SEEKING TO DISSUADE HER FROM ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTH WHICH COULD GIVE HIGHLY PARTISAN IMPRESSIONS.
- 6. WE HAVE SPOKEN IN SIMILAR TERMS ABOUT THE HUME/ADAMS TALKS TO THE NSC.

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