

# **Dermot Nally Papers**

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TO HQ FROM WASHINGTON  
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RE: CONVERSATION WITH WHITE HOUSE

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## 1. NSC CALL TO MOLYNEAUX

For your information the NSC told me this evening that National Security Adviser Lake tried to call UUP leader Molyneaux this afternoon but did not connect. The idea of the call was to talk to him about his view on the expected ceasefire, to give him a "heads up" on the issue of the visas to Cahill and Traynor, to reassure him of the openness in Washington to dialogue with the Unionists at any time and generally to make the Unionists feel "included". Lake has now departed on leave but I understand that the Unionists are expected to meet Ambassador Crowe on Thursday.

## 2. ECONOMIC PACKAGE

Regarding the possible economic package which I referred to in my fax last evening, the White House today asked the State Department to accelerate further deliberation on the elements that might be included in such a package. They have told me that they are now looking actively at the possibility of moving forward with an announcement over the coming months which they hope might act as a stimulus to political dialogue. Waiting to make an announcement in the context of an actual political settlement, which was the original intention, might, they feel, push the timing of such an initiative too far into the future to have the desired impact and influence. They hope to consult with us further on this over the next few weeks. They will also at some stage have to consult with Congress as several of the possible elements in any package may require legislative action.

## 3. VISAS

I attach White House Press Guidance on the issue of visas to Cahill and Traynor. I understand that they received quite a number of queries this afternoon regarding this matter, particularly from the British media here.



Contingency Press Guidance: Northern Ireland

(IF ASKED)

Q: Were visas issued to IRA members to travel to the U.S.?

A: Limited B-2, single entry visas were issued Tuesday morning (August 30) in Dublin to Sinn Fein officials Joe Cahill and Patrick Trainor.

Q: Aren't these persons convicted IRA terrorists?

A: In accordance with our immigration law, the Attorney General authorized the State Department to waive their ineligibilities to issue a temporary, limited visa. The purpose of their visit is to enable Sinn Fein officials to garner support in the U.S. for an end to violence in Northern Ireland. We hope their short visit to the United States will advance the peace process in Northern Ireland. We continue to call on the IRA and all those who have sought to achieve political goals through violence to permanently and unconditionally cease to do so.

Q: Were the British consulted on these visas? Did they oppose this step, as they did the Gerry Adams visa?

A: We discussed this issue and the current efforts to end the violence in Northern Ireland with both the British and Irish governments. Our policy toward Northern Ireland continues to be based on supporting the joint efforts of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland to achieve peace and a just political settlement in Northern Ireland. You should direct your questions about their views to the respective governments.

Q: The Irish press is reporting the Administration is prepared to give \$200 million in aid to Northern Ireland if there is an IRA ceasefire. True?

A: We've made no decision on any possible additional assistance in the event of a ceasefire. The U.S. presently appropriates some \$20 million annually to the International Fund for Ireland. We will continue to be active in looking for ways to encourage and support peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.