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Dear Martin

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REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM: IRELAND

1. Following our intervention with senior members of Dole's campaign yesterday, the Republican Platform Committee made one helpful change to the platform language on Ireland (underlined):

"We support efforts to establish peace with justice in Northern Ireland through a peace process inclusive of all parties who reject violence. At this difficult moment in Irish history, we encourage private U.S. investment in the North, wholly consistent with the MacBride Principles for fair employment, in order to address systemic discriminatory practices that exist, especially against Catholics, in the work-place and elsewhere. We call on all parties to renounce terrorism in the Northern Ireland conflict".

2. This morning David Logan spoke to (and faxed) Ambassador Rumsfeld about the reference to MacBride, making the same points I made to Charlie Black yesterday. David suggested dropping the words "MacBride Principles" and referring instead to investment "wholly consistent with fair employment legislation". More later.

Yours ever
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