

2028984455

SENT BY: SBRITISH EMBASSY;

3-17-97 10:23AM; 2028984455 =>

0171 839 9044;

#1/1

03/17/97 MON 10:10 FAX 202 458 9150

EUROPEAN DIR

+++ BritEmb

0002

*-Clinton**File John 17/3**cc PB
JH*

DRAFT POTUS STATEMENT CONDEMNING MURDER IN NORTHERN IRELAND

I am deeply saddened by the murder last Friday of John Slane in Belfast. Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Slane's family and friends. This horrific killing deserves universal condemnation. I hope the British authorities will quickly identify who is responsible.

As I have said so many times, nothing worth having in Northern Ireland can be achieved by killing and maiming, terror and threats. The people of Northern Ireland deserve a future of peace and prosperity unmarred by brutality and fear in their daily lives. I urge the people of both communities to make known in every way they can their repudiation of violence by any group, for any reason. I will continue to stand with those who stand for peace, today as we commemorate the saint who brought the message of the Prince of Peace to Ireland, and every day.

c.c. (fax)

Mr. Sheinwald News D
Mr. Lamont RID FCO
Mr. Brooker NIO (L)
Mr. Wood NIO (B)
PS/Sir P Mayhew
PS/No 10

*To be issued this morning.**I said it looked fine to me...*

*Anthony Carr
17/3*