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STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY
Northern Ireland Peace Process

Top - JEM
cc PB
AC
Prime Minister
The Americans have confirmed to me that they have done what you asked Clinton to do i.e. lead had a dinner from June 11. printing. This is the public reflection of that.
JM 12/6.

Yesterday in Northern Ireland, the IRA claimed responsibility for shots that were fired at a vehicle carrying British troops. Thankfully, there were no injuries. The Administration is deeply concerned by this incident, and the abandoning of a van full of explosives in Belfast last week, also claimed by the IRA. We unreservedly condemn violence from any quarter, as we always have. Violence can only derail the progress that has been made in recent weeks toward an inclusive negotiating process based on an unequivocal cease-fire and commitment to democratic principles, which can lead to a just and lasting peace for the people of Northern Ireland.

The Administration joins the many Americans who have worked for the resolution of this conflict in calling for an immediate unequivocal end to violence, which threatens to wreck the prospects for meaningful, inclusive negotiations on the future of Northern Ireland.

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I discussed this in draft with the NSC and worked in the "unreservedly condemn" which was missing in an earlier draft.
AgCar 7/11