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NORTHERN IRELAND: CLINTON/BLAIR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

1. Mary Ann Peters had listened in to the Prime Minister's telephone conversation with the President today. She said that much of the discussion was taken up with EMU, the UK initiative on getting Europe to work, and other economic and social issues.
2. On Northern Ireland, which took up only 20-30% of the call, she said that the Prime Minister had informed the President of a shooting in the Bogside. The IRA had claimed responsibility for an attack on a truckload of soldiers (though no one was hurt). The Prime Minister told the President that he was determined to maintain momentum in the peace process, but that would simply not be possible if the IRA refused to play. He asked that the United States should use its influence to rein back the IRA. The President agreed to do what he could.
3. Mary Ann said that Sandy Berger or Jim Steinberg would now speak directly to Gerry Adams. The NSC will also put out a press statement (not, she thinks, a first person statement from the President) deploring the latest incident and saying that IRA violence of this kind, when everyone is working for peace, is stupid as well as sinful.
4. I have a call on Jim Steinberg on Thursday evening to discuss Northern Ireland.

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