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TO: HQ FROM: CGNY  
FOR: JAMES MCINTYRE FROM: JAMES HENNESSY  
DATE: 13 DECEMBER, 1996  
RE: GERRY ADAM'S VIEWS ON CEASEFIRE

Please see attached for ease of reference a retransmission of our SF 41/96.

cc Embassy DC  
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TO: HQ FROM: CGNY

FOR: JAMES MCINTYRE FROM: JAMES HENNESSY  
ANGLO IRISH SECTION

DATE: 12 DECEMBER, 1996

RE: GERRY ADAMS' VIEWS ON CEASEFIRE

I attended a Columbia University Seminar last weekend which was addressed by Congressman Peter King. He spoke freely to the academic gathering.

Ceasefire:

Afterwards the Congressman drove me back to the Consulate in the early hours of Saturday morning. He had spoken to Adams the day before the seminar. Adams said that Major now believes that the IRA can be defeated militarily. The inference drawn was that there would be efforts to disprove this thesis. King regretted that Major had not accepted the Hume/Adams proposals which offered a better way forward than seeking to defeat the IRA.

In response to questions at the Seminar, King agreed that Adams was trying to lead Sinn Fein to become a new SDLP. Adams does not expect a united Ireland to emerge from this part of the process. While it is true that if Sinn Fein can get into all party talks, others may leave, it is hoped that eventually common sense will prevail and all sides can sit down in the one room. Perhaps guaranteed dates for different stages of the process could be helpful. King recalled that McGuinness had told him in 1994 that talks would begin immediately while Adams had said at that time that talks would start shortly after the ceasefire.

A leap of faith is now needed on both sides although the electoral situation in Britain is now a serious complication.

Martha Pope/ Gerry Kelly

King believes this arose from MI5 tapping her phone but not following her. She has a friend whose christian name is Kelly. King alleged this deliberate leak was a direct assault by MI5 on



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the President of the United States. He added that it broke a 50 year understanding between the FBI and M15 not to monitor the other side's personalities or plant stories about them. King added that US Intelligence Services believe that Adams did not know in advance about Canary Wharf.

### Taoiseach's Visit to Washington

Martha Pope will be attending a Mark Gearan Dinner in Washington immediately before the Taoiseach arrives. King and Niall O'Dowd will also be there. King made a point of telling the seminar on several occasions that Ambassador Dermot Gallagher has done a very good job in Washington.

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King felt that under the Chairmanship of Ben Gilman, the U.S. contribution would stay at 19.6 million dollars for the next few years. It was important to describe this as assistance to the peace process rather than aid.

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