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1 MARCH 1995

TO HQ FROM WASHINGTON
FOR G CORR FROM M COLLINS

RE: ADAMS AND FUNDRAISING

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1st, 7 July
1995.
Secretary of State
MR MURPHY
Mr Keaton
Mr Donlan.
Secretary of State
Emb London.
Mr Harcourt
Mr Murphy

1. I attach a copy of a letter from Attorney General Janet Reno to National Security Adviser Tony Lake in which she strongly opposes the lifting of fundraising restrictions on Adams's visa. We received this letter from a source on the Hill.
2. You will note that Reno says that she is aware "of evidence that suggests that the PIRA has continued to identify potential sources for arms procurement and to make inquiries concerning availability and terms of purchase". Moreover, she adds that an insufficient time has elapsed since she last considered the matter some six weeks ago "to conclude that Mr Adams and the PIRA have, in fact, committed to the ceasefire, to ending arms procurement and to disarming and demobilizing".
3. In conclusion Reno says that the various US agencies have recently intensified their efforts and public commitments to combatting international terrorism and adds "I believe that these collective efforts could be undermined by removing the Adams visa restriction at this time".

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To see me.

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

February 17, 1995

The Honorable Anthony Lake
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Tony:

I am writing concerning the latest effort to modify the restrictions on the visa issued to Gerry Adams -- in particular, the restriction against any fundraising activity by Mr. Adams while he is in the United States.

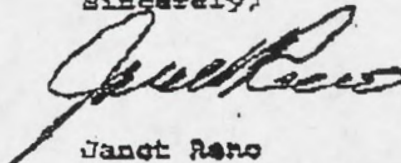
In early January, I considered the question of whether the "no fundraising" condition on Mr. Adams' visa should be lifted. I concluded that it should not, but agreed to revisit the matter at such time that it could be shown that the ceasefire had held; that PIRA arms procurement had ended; and that there had been concrete progress toward disarmament and demobilization by the PIRA.

Now, barely six weeks since I last addressed the issue, I have been asked again to consider removing the "no fundraising" restriction from Mr. Adams' visa. I have concluded that the restriction should remain, both because the conditions that were specified for lifting the restriction have not been met and because it is premature to consider the matter.

With respect to the conditions stipulated in January for removing the restriction, no evidence has been brought to my attention that suggests progress has been made toward the disarmament and demobilization of the PIRA. In addition, I am aware of evidence that suggests the PIRA has continued to identify potential sources for arms procurement and to make inquiries concerning availability and terms of purchase. But even if this were not the case -- even if concrete progress could be shown as to all three conditions -- I believe that six weeks of progress would be an insufficient basis on which to conclude that Mr. Adams and the PIRA have, in fact, committed to the ceasefire, to ending arms procurement, and to disarming and demobilizing.

In closing, I note that the Departments of Justice, State and Treasury, as well as other agencies, have recently intensified their efforts and public commitments to combatting international terrorism. I believe that these collective efforts could be undermined by removing the Adams visa restriction at this time.

Sincerely,



Janet Reno