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1. As you are aware, the signals from the US Republican Party on what policy candidate Dole would follow on Ireland if elected to the White House have been mixed. Dole himself has been making quite positive signs on Ireland but others in the Republican Party, such as James Baker's outburst at the Republic National Convention, have sent the opposite signal. Tomorrow's Irish Echo will produce an extract from the Republican National Committee's briefing book, "Degrading America: The Untold Clinton Record", issued to guide perspective congressmen/senators on various issues. One of the sections in the foreign policy chapter in the briefing book is entitled, "Embracing Terrorists, Spurning Allies", (extract attached) in which the RNC advises prespective candidates to highlight President Clinton's embracing of the IRA terrorist, Gerry Adams, at the cost of undermining the historic and special relationship between the US and Britain. The briefing points go over much of the usual ground in relation to condemning Clinton for: a) issuing Adams a visa; b) inviting him to the White House; and c) giving Sinn Fein fundraising access in the US.
2. Understand that the Republican Party policy differences on Ireland were in evidence at a dinner last week at the British Ambassador's residence in Washington for Minister Ancram. Late in the dinner, Congressman Peter King took issue with Senator John McCain (who is mentioned as possible

Secretary of State in a Dole Administration) for comments he made about President Clinton's Irish policy. The Democratic members present were, I am told, content to allow the Republicans squabble amongst themselves.

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Embracing Terrorists, Spurning Allies

Bill Clinton's perfectly willing to make deals with terrorists if he thinks it will help him get elected. At Clinton's White House, IRA terrorist Gerry Adams is a welcome guest.

In the 1980s, President Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher led the world in moral and practical opposition to communism and global terrorism. Our so-called "special relationship" with our faithful British allies dates long before we fought side by side against Adolph Hitler and Japan. As a candidate, Bill Clinton sent a telex to London, saying: "I place a high premium on the historic and special relationship between the United States and Britain."

When New York's lame-duck mayor, David Dinkins invited the terrorist Irish Republican Army's political leader Gerry Adams to visit, Clinton refused Adams a visa, saying that Adams "still has not publicly renounced terrorism." A year later, hoping to garner support from more radically-minded Irish-Americans, Clinton flip-flopped and Adams got his visa. The British were outraged, and Margaret Thatcher complained to David Brinkley that: "even as I came over to the United States this time, they (the IRA) were using incendiary bombs in shops."

Britain was in hopeful but delicate negotiations with the IRA terrorists and they could not offer the IRA too much too soon: in the balance hung whether the IRA would turn in their stockpiles of weapons and explosives. Then Clinton put his foot in it: "the Sinn Fein leader is to attend a St. Patrick's Day reception at the White House this week," reported *The New York Times*. "...the host will be President Clinton himself. And for the first time, Mr. Adams will be able to raise money for Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing." Peace in Ireland and Britain took a giant-step backwards as, amid shamrocks and green derby hats, America's President pranced about with a self-confessed terrorist.

Disgusted, Margaret Thatcher asked how Americans would feel if the British threw a state reception for Timothy McVeigh, the accused Oklahoma City bomber. In fact, the IRA killed far more people than the Oklahoma City blast. And since President Clinton's terrorist reception, the IRA renewed their terrorist attacks, planting bombs in London's equivalent of the World Trade Center as well as in its busiest tourist and business districts. Britain's peace talks with the IRA went down in flames, perhaps because the IRA thinks they have new friends and fund-raising access in America.