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December 11, 1981

Honorable Alexander M. Haig
Secretary
United States Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Traditionally, the policy of the State Department has been to deny visas to persons who are either responsible for or supporters of terrorism abroad. Recently, Mr. Owen Carron, a member of the British Parliament, was denied a visa because of his public statements in support of the legitimacy of violence in the north of Ireland.

Considering this policy of the State Department, we are extremely disappointed to see that it has issued a visa to Mr. Ian Paisley, himself a Member of Parliament. Mr. Paisley has long been an outspoken proponent of violence in the north of Ireland. As recently as November 28, Mr. Paisley stated in a speech to his followers that they should consider the option that they "murder them (IRA) before they murder Protestants." He was quoted in the Economist stating that he would "open recruiting halls across Northern Ireland until he had '100,000 men on the march'."

Terrorism by anyone or any group cannot be tolerated. Ian Paisley, by his terrorist actions, continues to divide the people in the north of Ireland. By granting him a visa to enter the United States, it appears that we are condemning terrorism on one hand and condoning it on another.

Enclosed you will find documentation which should provide you with an ample supply of information concerning Mr. Paisley's actions and words.

In view of this, we respectfully request that his visa be withdrawn. We look forward to your early response.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM CARNEY, M.C.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 11, 1981

The Honorable Alexander M. Haig
Secretary
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We request that you instruct the Department of State's visa office not to honor the multiple entry visa of Ian K. Paisley, who is scheduled to visit the United States in January of 1982.

It is the accepted policy in the Department of State to deny entry to "any foreign national who seeks to enter the United States to engage in activities prejudicial to the public interest." There can be no doubt that Mr. Paisley should be found in direct violation of section 212(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Ian Paisley is the self-avowed spokesman for a militant faction engaged in the violent struggle in Northern Ireland. He has consistently espoused the gospel of bloodshed in leading mob demonstrations throughout the Catholic areas of Belfast. He has been twice sentenced to jail terms in Northern Ireland before refusing to abstain from activities that have led to bloody rioting.

The decision to allow Mr. Paisley to enter the United States would have detrimental far-reaching effects on U.S. relations with both the United Kingdom and Ireland. Furthermore, it would run directly against the United States' policy of fighting terrorism.

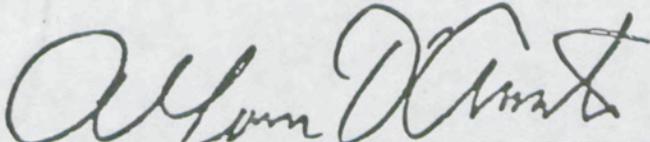
The recent decision of the Department of State to deny a visa to Owen Carron, M.P. was justified by Mr. Carron's position with regard to the Irish Republican Army. Mr. Paisley's association with the Ulster Defense Force and his public

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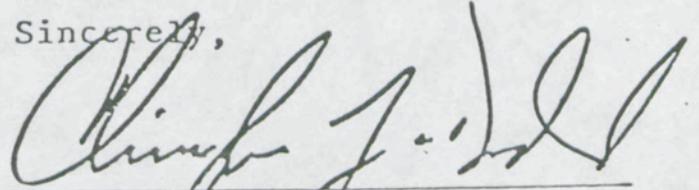
statements are equally reprehensible as Mr. Carron's.

We cannot condone violence and terrorism of any political persuasion. The revocation of a visa to Ian Paisley would send this signal to both sides of the violent struggle in Northern Ireland.

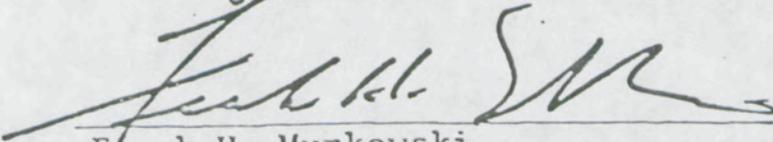
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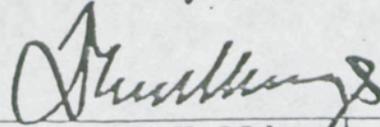
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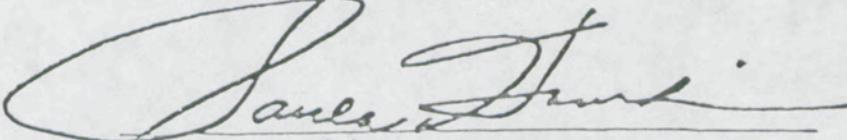
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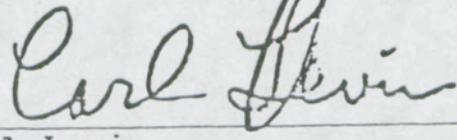
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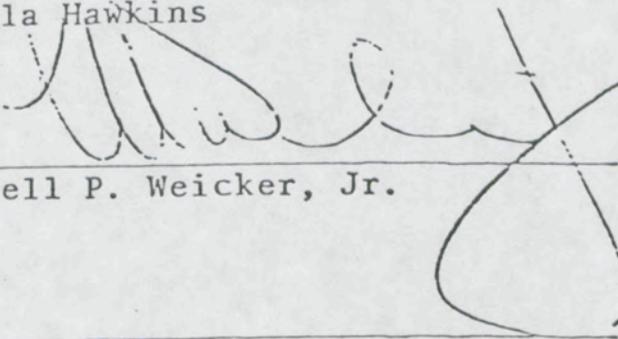
Ernest F. Hollings



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- Edwards, Mickey (D. Okla.)
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