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UNITED STATES VISITORS

We have heard from the US Embassy in London (who heard it from their counterparts in Dublin, informed by the DFA) that Congressman Joseph Kennedy is planning to visit Northern Ireland from 4-7 April. He will then spend sometime in the Republic.

We will ask the Washington Embassy to do what they can to confirm the story and push for Ministerial or official space in Kennedy's schedule. In the meantime it might be useful if Central Secretariat sounded out Mr Myers about the visit.

We have also heard that Ray Flynn, Mayor of Boston, will be in Dublin from 15 to 18 March. He does not, apparently, intend to travel north of the Border.

*late afternoon  
15th*

[Signed by]  
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SIL Division  
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\* Kennedy is one of our most partisan critics on the Hill and we must therefore do our best to offer him a balanced visit to Northern Ireland (even if he spurns it). We shall investigate whether there is any scope for a trip North by Flynn. [Signed: S J Leach; 2.3.88.]