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VISIT BY FRIENDS OF IRELAND: 14-21 JANUARY

1. The attached Washington Telegram (number 3174) sets out current plans by the Chairman of the Congressional Friends of Ireland, Congressman Brian Donnelly, to visit Ireland in January 1990.

2. The visitors' programme in NI will be co-ordinated by the US Consulate-General, and Central Secretariat will liaise as necessary to set up a programme. However, a key issue here is the fact the visitors intend to be in Belfast on 18 January, a Thursday, when the Secretary of State would not normally expect to be in Belfast. I would therefore be grateful for urgent advice on whether the Secretary of State's programme could accommodate visits on that day. SIL's advice would be that Congressman Donnelly is of considerable importance, and would merit being seen by the Secretary of State himself, particularly in view of his planned visit to the USA.

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Mrs Sullivan
Perhaps we could discuss XX @ Mrs J below

McQuinn has agreed to visit Belfast 12/12
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VISIT TO THE BRITISH ISLES BY CONGRESSMAN DONNELLY: 14-21
JANUARY 1990

SUMMARY

1. CHAIRMAN OF FRIENDS OF IRELAND TO VISIT DUBLIN, BELFAST, AND PERHAPS BIRMINGHAM. REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE IFI BOARD CHAIRMAN, AND WITH THE BIRMINGHAM SIX. MAIN PURPOSE TO BRING DELEGATION UP TO DATE ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING PROGRESS MADE BY THE STEVENS ENQUIRY AND THE INTERNATIONAL FUND. PLAN TO PURSUE TAX INCENTIVE FOR US INVESTMENT IN IRELAND.

DETAIL

2. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL FRIENDS OF IRELAND, CONGRESSMAN BRIAN DONNELLY (D-MASSACHUSETTS), ACCOMPANIED BY A DELEGATION OF CONGRESSMEN AND STAFFERS, IS PLANNING TO VISIT THE BRITISH ISLES ON 14-21 JANUARY.

3. THE GROUP HOPE TO ARRIVE IN DUBLIN ON SUNDAY 14 JANUARY, AND TO HAVE MEETINGS AT THE US EMBASSY ON IMMIGRATION AND OTHER MATTERS THE FOLLOWING DAY. ON 16 JANUARY THEY EXPECT TO BE ENTERTAINED BY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT, AND TO SEE THE TAOISEACH, TANAISTE AND FOREIGN MINISTER. ON WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY THEY PLAN TO DRIVE FROM DUBLIN TO BELFAST, CALLING ON SEAMUS MALLON EN ROUTE. ON THURSDAY 18 JANUARY THEY HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO HAVE MEETINGS WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND AND DR MAWHINNEY, AS WELL AS WITH MR NEEDHAM IF HE IS AVAILABLE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO DEVOTE THE AFTERNOON OF 18 JANUARY TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR IRELAND, MEETING THE NEW CHAIRMAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AND PERHAPS ALSO VISITING SOME PROJECTS IN WEST BELFAST. THEIR PROGRAMME IN NORTHERN IRELAND WILL BE CO-ORDINATED BY THE US CONSULATE-GENERAL. THEY ARE NOT AT PRESENT PLANNING TO SEE JOHN HUME OR VISIT DERRY.

4. ON FRIDAY 19 JANUARY, DONNELLY HOPES TO FLY TO BIRMINGHAM

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AND/OR ANOTHER ENGLISH CITY TO VISIT SOME OR ALL OF THE BIRMINGHAM SIX AND/OR THEIR FAMILIES: SEE MIFT FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND DISCUSSION OF THIS.

5. DONNELLY PLANS TO RETURN TO DUBLIN AND THE WEST OF IRELAND ON 20-21 JANUARY FOR PRIVATE/FAMILY PURPOSES.

6. APART FROM AN EVENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE BIRMINGHAM SIX, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WILL BE TO ENABLE THE DELEGATION TO BRING THEMSELVES UP TO DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND IN GENERAL, AND PARTICULARLY THE ALLEGATIONS OF COLLUSION BY THE SECURITY FORCES (WHICH DONNELLY PLANS TO RAISE WITH NIO MINISTERS) AND PROGRESS MADE BY THE FUND (DONNELLY IS ESPECIALLY KEEN TO MEET THE NEW CHAIRMAN).

7. DONNELLY ALSO WANTS TO PURSUE THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING SOME SORT OF TAX INCENTIVE FOR US COMPANIES INVESTING IN IRELAND, PERHAPS AS AN EVENTUAL SUBSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE FUND. THIS WOULD MOST LIKELY BE DONE BY MEANS OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL WHICH THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, OF WHICH DONNELLY IS A MEMBER, IS EXPECTED TO PASS NEXT YEAR TO MAKE VARIOUS ADJUSTMENTS TO THE US TAX CODE, AND WOULD NOT BE SELF-STANDING LEGISLATION OF THE KIND DONNELLY INTRODUCED IN 1988 AND 1989. MUCH WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER THE POWERFUL CHAIRMAN OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, CONGRESSMAN DAN ROSTENKOWSKI (D-ILLINOIS), IS PREPARED TO DO A DEAL WITH DONNELLY, PERHAPS ON THE BASIS THAT SIMILAR INCENTIVES WERE EXTENDED TO POLAND; ROSTENKOWSKI IS, HOWEVER, KNOWN TO BE HOSTILE TO THIS KIND OF LEGISLATION, WHICH MIGHT BE SEEN AS EXPORTING US JOBS OVERSEAS. AT PRESENT, THEREFORE, THE PROSPECTS FOR DONNELLY MAKING PROGRESS WITH HIS MEASURE ARE NOT MUCH BETTER THAN THEY WERE IN 1988 AND 1989.

8. APART FROM DONNELLY, THE DELEGATION IS LIKELY TO INCLUDE THE SPEAKER'S CHIEF OF STAFF (WERNER BRANDT), THE CHIEF STAFFER TO THE FRIENDS OF IRELAND (KEVIN PETERSON), PLUS ONE OR TWO AS YET UNSPECIFIED CONGRESSMEN ON THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE OR THE FRIENDS OF IRELAND COMMITTEE, AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO OTHER STAFFERS SPECIALISING IN TAXATION.

9. GRATEFUL IF THE NIO CENTRAL SECRETARIAT WOULD LIAISE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL FUND AND WITH THE US CONSULATE GENERAL TO SET UP APPOINTMENTS FOR DONNELLY ON THE LINES SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE. WE HOPE VERY MUCH THAT MR BROOKE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE DONNELLY, AND PERHAPS OFFER HIM LUNCH ON 18 JANUARY, ESPECIALLY AS THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON SHORTLY THEREAFTER. DONNELLY WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE AN OFFICIAL DINNER ON 18 JANUARY.

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10. FCO PLEASE PASS TO PS/SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, PS/DR MAWHINNEY, PS/MR NEEDHAM, BURNS, AND BLACKWELL AND DONNELLY (SIL DIVISION), ALL NIO(L): NIO(B) PLEASE PASS TO WILSON (CENTRAL SECRETARIAT), MCCONNELL (POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIVISION), FELL (DED NETHERLEIGH) AND DEVITT (DFP, STORMONT).
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