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In light of your important role in Northern Ireland's proposed Joint Declaration for Peace, and the large scale interest in the United States, we would like to invite you to address a conference on Northern Ireland. It will be held in New York on Monday, January 31, and/or Tuesday, February 1, 1994 and hosted by the National Committee on American Foreign Policy.

In addition, we are inviting Gerry Adams, leader of the Sinn Fein party, Dr. John Alderdice, leader of the Alliance Party, John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, and Dr. Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party. In this respect, we believe we will be hearing from all the major political party leaders in Northern Ireland.

The format will be a simple one and need not involve joint appearances by the party leaders. Each participant will be asked to speak for approximately thirty minutes and then take questions, after which there will be a break. In the evening, there will be a reception to which all the leaders will be invited.

The public attendance at this conference will be limited and on an invitational basis only. Media will be invited with an opportunity for individual press conferences available if you so desire.

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Mr. John Benson

The issue of Northern Ireland is of great interest to Americans, especially those 44 million of Irish descent who are drawn almost equally from the two great traditions of Ireland. We hope that by your presence, you will help us all achieve a much greater understanding of this issue, particularly at this time of momentous opportunity.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

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