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DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT

- URGENT INVITATION

INV/876/2001 Reference: Ian Paisley Jnr Invitation From:

Subject: Request for the Minister to meet with Ian Paisley Jnr and Mr Seymour Sweeney to discuss a proposed employment development adjacent to the Giants Causeway

ADVICE REQUIRED

Referred To: DAVID MCAULEY

Date Referred: 04/09/2001

ACTION REQUIRED

Please provide advice and draft reply for signature by MINISTER. To be with Private Office not later than 3pm on 11/09/2001.

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Please forward all inputs to DAVID MCAULEY not later than 07/09/2001..

Russell Connelly **Private Office**

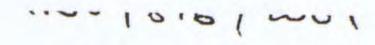
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28th August 2001

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OFMDFM PRIVATE OFFICE

Sir Reg. Empey, MLA, MP., Parliament Buildings, Stormont, BELFAST.

Dear Minister,

I enclose correspondence which I have received from Mr. Sweeney concerning a proposed employment development adjacent to the Giant's Causeway in the Moyle district of my constituency.

As you will be aware, the Moyle area is an economic blackspot and any employment initiative is, of course, greatly welcomed. This proposed development inside my constituency is similar to a successful project on the Isle of Skye where an Arts, Crafts and Cultural Centre there has generated income and employment for the area and its inhabitants.

I trust that you will look favourably at my constituent's request for advice and guidance from central government for the development of this proposal and what assistance may be available to him if his planning application is successful. I trust that you would be agreeable, in the first instance, to a meeting with myself and Mr. Sweeney either at your office or on site as I believe this could be a major money spinner for the Moyle area and address the economic needs of an area which you and your department have identified as an area that requires an employment initiative.

I trust that you will be able to assist me in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

pur Paisley

Please quote our reference on all correspondence





17th August 2001

LETTER BY FAX Fax No. 90 457783

Mr Ian Paisley Jnr MLA

Dear Mr Paisley

Re: Giant's Causeway Visitors Centre at the Giant's Causeway and Proposed Arts, Crafts and Cultural Centre at Ardihannon

You will be aware that Moyle District Council have issued a Development Brief in respect of their lands at the site of the former Visitor's Centre at the Giant's Causeway and are inviting submissions from prospective developers.

As a developer I would take this opportunity to advise you that I own areas of land in the vicinity of the Visitor's Centre and Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Railway Terminus, upon which I propose to construct an Arts, Crafts and Cultural Centre, having already lodged an outlined Planning Application in this regard.

Given the sizeable financial implications of both the above projects I seek your assistance and direction in ascertaining the likelihood of any financial assistance that Central Government may consider appropriate for either project.

I should be pleased to meet with you to outline further my proposals and trust that you can lend your support in approaching Central Government by way of assistance to me.

Yours sincerely

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