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TO HQ FROM WASHINGTON
FOR B DAVENPORT FROM M BURKE

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SDLP/NDI PROJECT

JOHN HUME WAS HERE FROM 5.10 TO 12.10 WITH AN SDLP DELEGATION
COMPRISING OF:

MR ALEX ATTWOOD, BELFAST
MR EDDIE MCGRADY, DOWNPATRICK, COUNTY DOWN
MR ALBAN MAGINNIS, BELFAST
MR FRANK MCILVANNA, DUNGANNON, COUNTY TYRONE
MS GERRY COSGROVE, MARKETHILL, COUNTY ARMAUGH
MR MARK DURKIN, DERRY
MR ADRIAN COLTON, BELFAST
MR ALASDAIR MCDONNELL, BELFAST
MR PATRICK O'DONAHUE, NEWCASTLE, COUNTY DOWN
MR PATRICK TONER, FORKHILL, COUNTY DOWN
MRS SUSAN FOLEY, DUNGANNON, COUNTY TYRONE

I AM FAXING SEPARATELY A COPY OF THE PROGRAMME WHICH WILL GIVE YOU
AN IDEA OF THE TYPE OF SCHEDULE THAT NDI ARRANGED. I HELPED
WHERE NECESSARY WITH CAPITOL HILL APPOINTMENTS WHICH WERE SEPARATE
FROM THE ACTUAL NDI PROGRAMME OF SEMINARS, ETC.

1. THE FIRST TWO DAYS WERE DEVOTED TO MEETINGS ON CAPITOL HILL
AND THE MAIN POINTS OF INTEREST TO EMERGE WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A) MEETING WITH HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

THIS MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY REP LEE HAMILTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST AND WAS ATTENDED BY REPS
TOM LANTOS, SALA BURTON, CHESTER ATKINS, BERNIE DWYER, MEL LEVINE
AND MARIO BIAGGI.

2. JOHN HUME SPOKE OF THE BACKGROUND TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SDLP, THEIR TOTAL OPPOSITION TO VIOLENCE AND THE NEED TO SEEK A SOLUTION BASED ON EQUALITY OF TREATMENT FOR BOTH COMMUNITIES. THE ACCEPTANCE OF DIVERSITY IS IN HIS VIEW THE KEY TO EVENTUAL UNITY. HE OUTLINED THE FORUM PROCESS AND HE SAID THAT THE SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS WERE EXPECTED TO COME TO A CONCLUSION (ONE WAY OR THE OTHER FAIRLY SOON). IF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED A SUMMIT WOULD BE HELD IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER. IF NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED, THERE WOULD BE NO SUMMIT AND A DETERIORATION IN THE SITUATION GENERALLY. THE AGREEMENT IF REACHED WOULD "NOT BE A FINAL SETTLEMENT" BUT WOULD BE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. IT WAS A PROCESS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO FURTHER PROGRESS. HE CONCLUDED BY SPEAKING OF THE NEED FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT FROM THE US TO BUILD ON ANY AGREEMENT REACHED. BIAGGI SAID THAT HE AGREED WITH EVERYTHING J HUME SAID AND REFERRED TO HIS BILL SEEKING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR NI. BIAGGI WONDERED WHETHER THE CONGRESS SHOULD NOT PRESS AHEAD IMMEDIATELY WITH SUCH ASSISTANCE. HUME RESPONDED ALONG THE LINES THAT POLITICAL PROGRESS MUST FIRST BE MADE BEFORE ONE CAN EFFECTIVELY DEAL WITH THE ECONOMIC ISSUE. HUME PREFERRED TO SEE THE OUTCOME OF THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE DEALING WITH THE QUESTION OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (BIAGGI IS TRYING TO PUT HIMSELF IN A POSITION OF CLAIMING CREDIT FOR ANY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE THAT EMERGES IN DUE COURSE). BURTON AND LANTOS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR WHAT IS BEING ATTEMPTED AND ENVISAGED STRONG APPROVAL AND ASSISTANCE AT THIS END. HAMILTON ASKED ABOUT MRS THATCHER'S REJECTION OF THE THREE OPTIONS AND HUME GAVE THE OBVIOUS ANSWER. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT CAME IN HAMILTON'S CONCLUDING REMARKS WHEN HE SAID THAT IF A PROPOSAL CAME FORWARD FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE HE WOULD RESPOND FAVOURABLY AND HE WAS SURE HIS SUBCOMMITTEE (WHICH HAS TO APPROVE SUCH A PROPOSAL) WOULD ACT QUICKLY ON IT. MAJORITY LEADER JIM WRIGHT MADE A POINT OF DROPPING IN AT THE LUNCH AND GREETING THE SDLP DELEGATES.

B) :CALL ON SEN KENNEDY

NOTHING NEW TO REPORT. KENNEDY PROMISED ALL HIS SUPPORT FOR ANY AGREEMENT THAT EMERGES,

C) FRIENDS OF IRELAND MEETING

THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY REPS TOM FOLEY, JOE MCDADE, EDDIE BOLAND, BILL LOWERY, JOHN MURTHA, PAT WILLIAMS, BILL GREEN, BERNIE DWYER, FRANK MCLOSKEY, AND PAT WILLIAMS PLUS STAFFERS. HUME MADE A PRESENTATION ALONG THE LINES OF A) ABOVE BUT STRESSED THE BAD ECONOMIC SITUATION AND THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC SUPPORT IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED. FOLEY RESPONDED ON PRECISELY THE SAME LINES AS REPORTED IN THE AMBASSADOR'S C271 OF OCT 3 1985. HE SAW A JOINT RESOLUTION PASSED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SUMMIT AS THE BEST OPTION AND DESCRIBED IT AGAIN AS A PROMISSORY NOTE. ACTUAL FUNDING WOULD FOLLOW IN 1986. BOLAND INTERVENED TO AGREE WITH FOLEY. BILL LOWERY (R) SAID THERE WOULD BE STRONG BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR THE AGREEMENT AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF "SPECIFICITY" I.E. PRODUCING A LIST OF PROJECTS AND DEMONSTRATING THE WAY IN WHICH FUNDS WILL BE USED. HUME REFERRED TO A NUMBER OF AREAS WHERE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WOULD BE VALUABLE: CAPITAL INVESTMENT, JOB CREATION, THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, AND DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE. SOME TIME WAS SPENT DEBATING THE NEED FOR A PANEL OF SPEAKERS FROM NORTH AND SOUTH WHO WOULD COME TO THE U.S. PARTICULARLY AROUND ST PATRICK'S DAY. POSSIBLE TOWN-TWINNING WAS ALSO DISCUSSED

D) MEETING WITH SEN AL GORE

SEN AL GORE KNOWS LITTLE ABOUT NI BUT HAS AN ENTHUSIASTIC STAFF MEMBER WHO HAS ENCOURAGED HIM TO TAKE AN INTEREST. HE WAS POSITIVE IN RESPONSE TO HUME'S PRESENTATION. ON THE FUND IDEA, HE SAID HE WOULD PERSONALLY SUPPORT IT BUT CAUTIONED THAT IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE (ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE THE BUDGET DEFICIT AND POSSIBLE SWEEPING SPENDING CUTBACKS) IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT FOR SUBSTANTIAL FUNDING FOR A TOTALLY NEW AREA. HE AND HIS STAFF ALSO SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS AND PROJECTS AS TO HOW THE FUND WOULD BE USED,

E) CALL ON SPEAKER

IN BRIEF CALL ON THE SPEAKER, HE DEMONSTRATED HIS FAMILIARITY WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION BY PROMISING, WITHOUT ANY PROMPTING, SUBSTANTIAL U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR ANY AGREEMENT THAT IS REACHED. HE WAS ENTHUSIASTIC IN HIS DESIRE TO "GET GOING" AND TO DO SOMETHING CONCRETE FOR IRELAND. THE SPEAKER REFERRED TO THE MANY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OF IRISH BACKGROUND AND DID NOT ENVISAGE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN GETTING A PACKAGE THROUGH CONGRESS. HUME INVITED THE SPEAKER TO COME TO IRELAND IN JAN 1986 FOR A JOINT MEETING OF EURO-PARLIAMENTARIANS AND THEIR U.S. COUNTERPART GROUP. HE GOT WHAT I THOUGHT WAS A VERY LUKEWARM RESPONSE TO THIS PROPOSAL. HUME ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION OF FR ROMANO AND THE SPEAKER UNDERTOOK TO WRITE TO PRES MARCOS ON THIS ISSUE. THE HEAD OF THE REDEMPTORIST ORDER (FR HECHANOVA) WAS IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK LOBBYING ON THE HILL AND WITH THE STATE DEPT. THERE IS HOWEVER NO FURTHER NEWS TO REPORT ON THE FATE OF FR ROMANO,

F) SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

THIS MEETING WAS ORGANISED BY SEN PELL. SENS BIDEN, KERRY, SARBANES AND MOYNIHAN WERE ALSO PRESENT. HUME IN HIS PRESENTATION STRESSED THE FORUM PROCESS, THE BRITISH-IRISH FRAMEWORK AND THE FACT THAT PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS WERE NEARING A CONCLUSION. HE WOULD AWAIT THE OUTCOME BEFORE PASSING JUDGEMENT BUT WAS HOPEFUL OF A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A ROLE FOR THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WHICH IS VITAL TO ANY SOLUTION OF THE NI PROBLEM. HE REFERRED AS USUAL TO THE NEED FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT FROM HERE. BIDEN WONDERED ABOUT THE SCALE OF FINANCIAL AID THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED AND SPECIFICALLY WHAT IT WOULD BE USED FOR. HUME SAID THAT HE COULD NOT PUT A SPECIFIC FIGURE ON IT ALTHOUGH WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO IDENTIFY THE AREAS OF NECESSITY. HE WENT ON TO DESCRIBE THE ECONOMIC PLIGHT OF NI AND POINTED OUT TO THE HIGH LEVELS OF UNEMPLOYMENT PLUS THE FACT THAT 44PERCENT OF THE POPULATION ARE UNDER 25. SARBANES ASKED HOW THE U.S. COULD HELP IN ADDITION TO ECONOMIC SUPPORT AND HUME POINTED TO THE BENEFIT OF STATEMENTS FROM THE FRIENDS OF IRELAND AND THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT AND SPEAKER HAD RAISED NI WITH MRS THATCHER. SUCH PRESSURE ON THE BRITISH HAD AN IMPACT. MOYNIHAN DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE PIRA WAS OF A MARXIST/LENINIST PERSUASION. HUME IN RESPONSE SPOKE OF THE DUAL BALLOT/ARMALITE STRATEGY AND THEIR ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF A SOCIALIST ALL IRELAND REPUBLIC ESTABLISHED BY FORCE. THE REST OF THE DISCUSSION CENTRED ON THE SDLP DELEGATES' EXPERIENCE IN POLITICS AND THEIR VIEW OF THE LOCAL SITUATION IN NI,

G) SEN MARK HATFIELD

I BROUGHT HUME ON HIS OWN TO MEET SEN HATFIELD BECAUSE OF HIS KEY ROLE AS HEAD OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. HATFIELD HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE FRIENDS GROUP ALTHOUGH HE DISPLAYED A REASONABLE KNOWLEDGE OF THE NI SITUATION. AFTER HUME'S REMARKS WHICH LAID A PARTICULAR STRESS ON THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, HATFIELD REFERRED TO THE NEED TO GET THE CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS THROUGH BY NOV 14. WHEN I ASKED ABOUT THE TIMESPAN OF THE C.R., HE SAID THAT IT COULD BE FOR SIX OR NINE MONTHS UNLESS CONGRESS WAS SEIZED OF TAX REFORM AND OTHER ISSUES AND WAS NOT GOING INTO RECESS. IN SUCHAWUXVGW

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TO 2 WEEKS DURATION COULD BE PASSED. IN ANY EVENT, HE WAS SCEPTICAL
OF GETTING A PACKAGE THROUGH IN THE CURRENT SESSION IN VIEW OF THE
POSSIBLE TIMESCALE ON OUR SIDE. HE DID MENTION THAT HE MIGHT
TRY AND DELAY THE DEFENCE C.R. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE SOME COMPROMISE
ON DEFENCE SPENDING. HE IS A LIBERAL MAVERICK REPUBLICAN OPPOSED
TO THE ARMS RACE AND TRYING TO CURTAIL DEFENCE SPENDING.
HE SAID THAT HE WOULD SUPPORT
SUPPORT OUR PROJECT AND ASKED ME TO KEEP IN CONTACT OVER THE NEXT
FE WEEKS AS THE SITUATION DEVELOPS,

H) THE NDI HOSTED A DINNER ON OCT 10 IN HONOUR OF THE SDLP
DELEGATION. THE FUNCTION WAS DESIGNED AS MUCH TO BOLSTER NDI
CREDIBILITY ON THE HILL (THERE WAS MUCH DIFFICULTY LAST YEAR
IN OBTAINING FUNDING FOR NDI AND THE SAME APPLIES THIS YEAR)
AS TO HONOUR THE SDLP. IT WAS ATTENDED BY PROMINENT DEMOCRATIC
LOBBYISTS, PAUL KIRK, CHAIRMAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND SOME OF
HIS ASSISTANTS, NDI BOARD MEMBERS AND A NUMBER OF SENATORS WHO
DROPPED BY AS THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF. DURING THE
COURSE OF THE EVENING, SENS MOYNIHAN, EAGLETON, BRADLEY, JND
PRESSLER SHOWED UP. J HUME'S SPEECH WAS PLACED IN THE SENATE
RECORD AND WILL BE FAXED TO YOU.

3. THE SDLP VISIT WAS USEFUL FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW IN EMPHASISING TO A WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS THE NEED FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED. WHILE EVERYBODY WE MET WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HELPING THERE WAS AS YOU CAN SEE ABOVE A HIGH DEGREE OF CAUTION AS TO WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN ACTIVE FUNDING VIA THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL PROVISION IN THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION BEFORE THE SESSION GOES INTO RECESS.
4. IF CONGRESS GOES INTO RECESS BY THANKSGIVING (28NOV) AND ALL CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS ARE PASSED BY THE DEADLINE OF 14NOV FOR SUBSTANTIAL PERIODS, (6/9 MONTHS), VTHEN IT IS NOT SEEN AS FEASIBLE HOWEVER, IF CONGRESS GOES INTO DECEMBER WITH BRIEF EXTENSIONS TO THE CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS THN THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF INSERTING A SPECIAL IRISH PROVISION IN DECEMBER.
5. OTHERWISE, THE ADVISE IS TO PROCEED BY SECURING THE ADOPTION OF A SPECIFIC JOINT RESOLUTION IMMEDIATELY AFTER A SUMMIT, THE THRUST OF WHICH WOULD BE TO ENDORSE THE AGREEMENT WITH A CLEAR PROMISE OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. THE ACTUAL FUNDING WOULD BE OBTAINED BY SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISION POSSIBLY IN FEB 1986 AND WOULD CERTAINLY BE AVAILABLE TO US IN FISCAL 86.

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