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KING VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. THE AMBASSADOR IS REPORTING SEPARATELY ON HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. I BRIEFED KEVIN DOWLING ORALLY ON SOME OF THE MAIN POINTS RAISED HERE DURING THE KING VISIT. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION AT THE TWO MAIN MEETINGS WHICH KING HAD ON THE HILL.

MEETING WITH SENATOR KENNEDY

2. THEY HAD A BRIEF 25 MINUTE DISCUSSION DURING WHICH TOM KING STRUCK AN OPTIMISTIC NOTE IN RELATION TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND QUESTION. HE SPOKE OF REAL PROGRESS HAVING BEEN MADE IN REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT FROM 22 PERCENT TO 16 PERCENT. HE REFERRED TO JOB EXPANSION AT THE DUPONT AND FORD PLANTS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF UP TO 1,000 JOBS AT THE DELOREAN PLANT.

3. SENATOR KENNEDY RAISED THE QUESTION OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND KING RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT THE NEW LEGISLATION WOULD BE PASSED INTO LAW IN JULY AND INDICATED THAT THE DRAFT LEGISLATION HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED TO DEAL WITH THE NEED FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND GOALS AND TIME-TABLES. SENATOR KENNEDY RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE LOW CEILING OF 8,500 POUNDS PROPOSED FOR COMPENSATION UNDER THE NEW LEGISLATION. ON THIS POINT KING SEEMED HESITANT AND SAID IT WAS AN AREA THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT AGAIN. HE SAID THAT HE KNEW THERE WAS CONCERN ABOUT THE LOW CEILING AND THAT IT HAD NOT "YET BEEN WORKED OUT". IN RELATION TO HARASSMENT AND THE UDR IN PARTICULAR, KING EXPRESSED CONCERN WHEN IT WAS RAISED AND SAID THAT FURTHER PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN THIS AREA. HE SAID THAT WHILE THERE HAD BEEN PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA, HE WAS TRYING TO ENSURE THAT ALL CHECKPOINTS HAD POLICE OFFICERS PRESENT AS AGAINST THOSE "IN THE BUSHES" WHERE SUCH PRESENCE WAS NOT PRACTICAL.

4. IN RELATION TO THE MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES, KING EXPRESSED ONGOING BRITISH CONCERN IN RELATION TO THE PROGRESS IT WAS MAKING IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE NEED TO STEM DEVELOPMENTS IN VARIOUS STATE LEGISLATURES. SENATOR KENNEDY POINTED OUT THAT THE BEST WAY OF DEALING WITH THE MACBRIDE CAMPAIGN WAS TO HAVE FAIR EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTED IN NORTHERN IRELAND WHICH WAS SEEN TO BE EFFECTIVE AND TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF DISCRIMINATION.

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5. SENATOR KENNEDY ASKED KING ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL FUND AND EMPHASISED THE POINT THAT FURTHER "MISTAKES" WOULD BE EXTREMELY DAMAGING. HE SAID THAT THE FOCUS SHOULD PERCEPTIBLY BE SEEN TO BE ON DISADVANTAGED AREAS IN NORTHERN IRELAND. IN RESPONSE KING SAID THAT THE FUND WAS ADMINISTERED BY AN INDEPENDENT BOARD AND HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SOME "MISTAKES" HAD BEEN MADE BUT THAT THE BOARD HAD BEEN RESPONSIVE TO THE VIEWS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THAT IT WAS NOW GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

6. IN GENERAL, OF COURSE, SENATOR KENNEDY EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT AND CONTINUED FUNDING AND KING EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THIS.

MEETING WITH FRIENDS OF IRELAND GROUP ON HOUSE SIDE

7. MAJORITY LEADER FOLEY, CONGRESSMAN BRIAN DONNELLY AND MATT MCHUGH MET THE SECRETARY OF STATE. DONNELLY HAS TOLD ME THAT KING EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE IN RELATION TO THE FUND HEARINGS LAST WEEK AND THANKED FOLEY AND DONNELLY FOR THEIR TESTIMONY. IN RELATION TO FAIR EMPLOYMENT, HE STRUCK AN UP-BEAT NOTE SAYING THAT HE HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT AND OTHER PARTIES IN RELATION TO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, GOALS AND TIME-TABLES, ETC. KING MENTIONED THAT SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION WAS DEVELOPING IN THE UNIONIST BUSINESS COMMUNITY AGAINST THE FAIR EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION AND HE PROFFERED THIS AS AN INDICATION OF THE PROBABLE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE BILL WHEN PASSED. ON INDIVIDUAL AWARDS, HE WAS AGAIN DEFENSIVE AND SAID THAT THAT WAS SOMETHING HE HAD TO TAKE "ANOTHER LOOK AT".

8. IN RELATION TO THE SDLP, KING WAS FULL OF PRAISE FOR HUME'S EFFORTS IN RELATION TO THE HARLAND AND WOLFF BELFAST SHIPYARD. HE DID HOWEVER EXPRESS GREAT CONCERN OVER THE SDLP'S PERFORMANCE IN WEST BELFAST. THEY HAD NOT GOT THEIR "ACT TOGETHER" AND ONLY MADE APPEARANCES AT ELECTION TIME. HE SPOKE OF ADAMS AND SINN FEIN DOING A VERY EFFECTIVE JOB AT CONSTITUENCY LEVEL AND THAT THEY IN EFFECT CONTROLLED THE WEST BELFAST SCENE.

9. IN RELATION TO COLLUSION BETWEEN THE SECURITY FORCES AND LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES, KING PORTRAYED THE RECENT ARREST OF 3 LOYALISTS IN PARIS AS A "RENEGADE OPERATION". AS FAR AS SOUTH AFRICA WAS CONCERNED, HE FELT THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS WERE TESTING THE ABILITY OF THE LOYALISTS TO DELIVER A SUPPLY OF WEAPONS SUCH AS THE BLOWPIPE.

10. KING BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF IRA/SINN FEIN UNHAPPINESS WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF NORAID. HE SAID THAT THEIR INTELLIGENCE SOURCES INDICATED THAT THE IRA INTENDED TO SEND PEOPLE OVER TO REVITALISE AND REINVIGORATE THEIR ACTIVITIES HERE. HE SAID THAT THE CURRENT NORAID LEADERSHIP WAS REGARDED AS TOO OLD AND TOO COMPLACENT. KING WENT ON FROM THERE TO REFER, FOR THE FIRST TIME TO MY KNOWLEDGE, TO THE QUESTION OF IRISH IMMIGRATION AND THE NUMBER OF ILLEGALS IN THE UNITED STATES. HE WAS VERY CONCERNED THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD BE UNDULY INFLUENCED BY THE ATMOSPHERE IN IRISH-AMERICAN CIRCLES IN NEW YORK AND BOSTON AND RETURN TO IRELAND "DISENCHANTED". DONNELLY RESPONDED TO THIS POINT BY SAYING THAT WAS NOT A CORRECT PERCEPTION OF THE IRISH ILLEGALS. THEY WERE OUT HERE TRYING TO MAKE A LIVING, REGULARISE THEIR POSITION AND DO NOT TO ANY REAL EXTENT BECOME INVOLVED WITH NORAID OR IRA SUPPORT GROUPS. FOLEY ASKED KING ABOUT THE ARMS CACHES WHICH THE IRA ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE RECEIVED FROM LIBYA. WHY WAS IT THAT SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES WERE NOT BEING USED IF THEY WERE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE IRA. KING JOCULARLY RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT THEY WERE PROBABLY WAITING FOR THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO SHOOT HIS OWN PLANE DOWN. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT QHADAFFI WAS BACKING OFF THE SUPPLY OF WEAPONS PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE BAD INTERNATIONAL NAME WHICH TERRORISM HAS RECEIVED AND THAT HE HAD DIMINISHED THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO TERRORIST GROUPS. THIS WAS NOT TO SAY THAT THERE WERE NOT LIBYANS STILL "ACTIVE ON THE GROUND" FOMENTING VARIOUS PROBLEMS. ?

11. DONNELLY SAID THAT KING WAS EFFUSIVE IN HIS PRAISE OF THE GARDAI AND THE CO-OPERATION AND EFFORTS WHICH THEY WERE MAKING IN COMBATTING TERRORISM. IN RELATION TO FURTHER FUNDING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FUND, MATT MCHUGH (MEMBER OF THE RELEVANT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE) SAID THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN EVEN 20 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE FORTHCOMING FISCAL YEAR BECAUSE OF CONSTRAINTS ON THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BUDGET. IT WAS VITAL TO MAKE SURE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL FUND TRULY FOCUSED ON DISADVANTAGED AREAS AND THAT NO "MISTAKES" WERE MADE.

COMMENT

12. IT WAS THE IMPRESSION OF MY INTERLOCUTORS THAT KING HAD NO PARTICULAR AGENDA IN COMING TO WASHINGTON. MONDAY IS TRADITIONALLY A VERY BAD FOR APPOINTMENTS ON THE HILL AND AMBASSADOR ACLAND HAD TO PERSONALLY CALL THE VARIOUS PARTIES TO GET THEM BACK IN TIME FROM THEIR CONSTITUENCIES TO HAVE THE MEETINGS INVOLVED. KING'S MAIN EMPHASIS WAS ON THE PROGRESS IN THE FAIR EMPLOYMENT AREA AND THE NEED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JOBS IN NORTHERN IRELAND. HE DID NOT SEEM TO BE AS CONCERNED AS IN THE PAST WITH THE MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES CAMPAIGN.

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cc Counselor R1

AS MENTIONED ON THE TELEPHONE I HAD A BRIEF MEETING OVER COFFEE YESTERDAY MORNING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE TOM KING AND AMBASSADOR ACLAND AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE. I HAD MET KING ON ONE OF HIS PREVIOUS VISITS BUT WAS OUT OF TOWN WHEN HE WAS LAST IN WASHINGTON. THE BREAKFAST MEETING WAS ARRANGED AT ACLAND'S REQUEST BY TELEPHONE ON SUNDAY.

FROM OUR DISCUSSION IT WAS EVIDENT THAT BOTH KING AND ACLAND HAD NO SPECIFIC ISSUE TO RAISE. RATHER, THEY WANTED A GENERAL DISCUSSION ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST HERE. FOLLOWING ARE THE MAIN POINTS COVERED:

INTERNATIONAL FUND

SINCE I WAS AWARE THAT KING WOULD BE MEETING LATER IN THE DAY WITH TOM FOLEY, BRIAN DONNELLY AND SENATOR KENNEDY AS WELL AS PAUL QUINN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR A NEW IRELAND, I REFERRED TO OUR SATISFACTION AT THE OUTCOME OF THE HEARINGS IN THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE LAST WEEK. AS YOU RECALL, FOLEY AND DONNELLY STRONGLY DEFENDED THE INTERNATIONAL FUND AND URGED THAT THE U.S. PROVIDE A 50 MILLION DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION THIS YEAR. (I GAVE KING AND ACLAND COPY OF AN ARTICLE BY DONNELLY AND MCMANUS WHICH HAD APPEARED IN USA TODAY THAT AM). THEY WERE ALSO FORCEFUL IN REBUTTAL OF THE CRITICISMS EMANATING FROM JERRY COLEMAN AND FR SEAN MCMANUS. I REMARKED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WHO WERE NOT AS COMMITTED TO THE FUND AS OUR FRIENDS IN CONGRESS SHOULD BE REMINDED OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH BOTH THE BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS ATTACH TO IT. THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY FROM ACLAND AS TO THE LIKELY ATTITUDE OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE HOUSE. ACLAND HAD MADE THE ENQUIRY OBVIOUSLY WITH A VIEW TO PROMPTING MY RESPONSE. KING WAS SCHEDULED TO SEE LARRY EAGLEBURGER, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, IN THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT WHEN I HOPE HE WILL HAVE MENTIONED THE FUND.

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FAIR EMPLOYMENT:

ACLAND ALSO ENQUIRED ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE DONNELLY AND FISH AND D'AMATO BILLS ON FAIR EMPLOYMENT BEING MOVED. I RESPONDED I DID NOT SEE THJ THIS S IMMINENT. OBVIOUSLY KING WOULD BE WELL PLACED TO QUERY DONNELLY ON THIS POINT HIMSELF. ACLAND ALSO ENQUIRED ABOUT THE INTENTIONS OF SENATOR LAUTENBERG ON HIS BILL. AGAIN I WAS NON COMMITTAL. THIS ITEM IS LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN RAISED BY THE BRITISH SIDE WITH SENATOR KENNEDY WHO IS CLOSE TO LAUTENBERG. INDEED IT IS LIKELY THAT LAUTENBERG MAY IN FACT MOVE HIS BILL, THE TEXT OF WHICH IS FAIRLY INNOCUOUS. ALSO IN REGARD TO FAIR EMPLOYMENT I SUGGESTED THAT DONNELLY AND FOLEY AND OTHER CONGRESSIONAL INTERLOCUTORS WERE LIKELY TO PURSUE THE TOPIC OF NEW LEGISLATION WITH KING IN VIEW OF THEIR CONTINUED INTEREST IN THIS AND OTHER ISSUES. KING WOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE OF DONNELLY'S INTEREST ON BOTH FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HARASSMENT GIVEN THE TRECHANTLY WORDED STATEMENT THE LATTER ISSUED CIRCA ST. PATRICK'S DAY. (DERMOT GALLAGHER IN A TELEX TO MARTIN BURKE HAD INDICATED A NUMBER OF TOPICS WHICH DONNELLY MIGHT RAISE WITH KING. HOWEVER APART FROM THIS GENERAL REMARK TO KING, I FELT IT PRUDENT NOT TO FLAG TOO MANY SPECIFIC DETAILS IN ADVANCE, E.G. THE CEILING ON COMPENSATION, LOW RATE OF FOLLOW UP COMPLAINTS RE UDR BEHAVIOUR, ETC).

IRA SUPPORT IN THE U.S.

BOTH KING AND ACLAND WERE INTERESTED IN THE LEVEL OF OVERT SUPPORT FOR THE IRA IN THE STATES. I SUGGESTED THAT OVERT SUPPORT FOR A CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND HAD DIMINISHED CONSIDERABLY IN RECENT YEARS FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS - DISMAY AT THE RUTHLESSNESS OF THE CAMPAIGN AND RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF AMERICANS AND IRISH AMERICANS TO BE SEEN AS SUPPORTING TERRORISM AGAINST THE BACKGROUND IN WHICH AMERICANS THEMSELVES HAD BEEN TOUCHED, E.G. THE ACHILLE LAURO, TWA HIJACKING, PAN AM SHOOTDOWN. AT THE END OF OUR DISCUSSION KING GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF SOME OF THE BACKGROUND TO THE RECENT SOUTH AFRICAN - LOYALIST INCIDENT IN PARIS INDICATING THAT THE BRITISH HAD SOME OF THOSE INVOLVED UNDER SURVEILLANCE FOR SOME TIME. THE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF INVOLVEMENT BY SERVING TERRITORIAL ARMY PERSONNEL WAS, OF COURSE, A VERY GREAT CONCERN.

THE CONVERSATION CONCLUDED WITH AN ENQUIRY FROM KING ABOUT THE TANAISTE'S HEALTH AND A REQUEST TO HAVE HIS BEST WISHES CONVEYED.

WE SHALL BE REPORTING SEPARATELY ON WHAT TRANSPIRES FROM OUR CONTACTS ON KING'S VARIOUS MEETINGS ON THE HILL.

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CORRECTIONS: 3RD LINE OF PARA ON 'FAIR EMPLOYMENT' SHOULD READ RESPONDED I DID NOT SEE THIS AS IMMINENT. OBVIOUSLY ETC ETC SECOND LAST LINE OF SAME PARA : ADD ON 'FOLLOW ON' AT END OF LINE