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SENATOR BIDEN'S RESOLUTION ON THE BIRMINGHAM SIX

1. FURTHER TO MY C.37 OF 20 FEBRUARY, SENATOR BIDEN WILL IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS FORMALLY FILE HIS RESOLUTION BEFORE THE SENATE. COPY OF RESOLUTION IS FAXED SEPARATELY. SENATOR BIDEN'S RESOLUTION IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE RESOLUTION TABLED BY REP DONNELLY IN THE HOUSE BUT BIDEN HAS TAKEN OUT SECTIONS WHICH MAKE A JUDGEMENT ON THE CONVICTION OF THE BIRMINGHAM SIX.

2. TO DATE, SENATORS MOYNIHAN (D-NY), DODD (D-CONNECTICUT), AND JOHN KERRY (D-MASS) HAVE AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR THE RESOLUTION. BIDEN'S OFFICE ALSO EXPECTS SENATOR KENNEDY TO CO-SPONSOR.

3. THE AD HOC CONGRESSIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CAUCUS HEARINGS ON THE BIRMINGHAM SIX WILL NOW BE HELD ON MONDAY, 12TH MARCH. I UNDERSTAND FROM REP JOE KENNEDY'S OFFICE THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, GARETH PIERCE, AND SEAMUS MALLON WILL TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF THE SIX WHILE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S CASE WILL BE PUT BY PROFESSOR MCKAY, A FORMER ACADEMIC LAWYER FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ( ? ).

4. KENNEDY'S OFFICE WERE MOST ANXIOUS TO GET SEAMUS MALLON TO TESTIFY.