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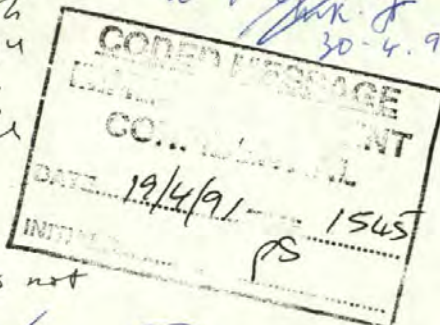
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SUBJ: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF SECRETARY OF STATE BROOKE

1. SECRETARY OF STATE BROOKE ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY EVENING. DURING THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT HERE HE MET WITH SPEAKER FOLEY, SENATOR KENNEDY, CONGRESSMEN DONNELLY AND KENNEDY, THE NORTHERN IRELAND PARTNERSHIP. LATER THIS EVENING HE IS MEETING WITH THE COMMITTEE FOR A NEW IRELAND. THE BRITISH EMBASSY ARE KEEPING THE VISIT LOW-KEY, PUTTING IT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NOW ANNUAL VISITS MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND TO WASHINGTON. SECRETARY BROOKE ALSO HAD A BRIEF INFORMAL COFFEE MEETING WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WHICH SOME SENATORS BRIEFLY ATTENDED (SENATORS SARBANES, LUGAR AND PELL). SENATOR KENNEDY DROPPED IN BRIEFLY.

2. IN HIS COFFEE MEETING WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, BESIDES BRIEFING THEM ON THE TALKS, BROOKE ALSO SPOKE ON NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC COOPERATION. BROOKE SAID THAT THERE WAS REAL SCOPE FOR INCREASED TRADE AND TOURISM BETWEEN BOTH PARTS OF IRELAND. IN PARTICULAR, HE CITED SOME RECENT SURVEY ON POSITIVE ATTITUDES FROM VISITORS FROM THE REPUBLIC WHO VISITED NORTHERN IRELAND.

ON THE IFI, HE WAS PARTICULARLY PRAISEWORTHY AND MENTIONED THE IMPACT THE IFI WAS HAVING ON UNEMPLOYMENT. BROOKE MADE THE POINT THAT ONE REAL WAY OF COMBATTING TERRORISM WAS THROUGH JOB CREATION AND INVESTMENT.



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3. BOTH SENATOR KENNEDY AND CONGRESSMAN KENNEDY PRESSED BROOKE ON THE TIMETABLE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE FAIR EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1989. BOTH MADE THE POINT THAT IT WAS NOT JUST THE BACKLOG OF DISCRIMINATION CASES WHICH WAS IMPORTANT BUT ALSO THE FACT THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF LEGISLATION NO INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINT COULD BE FILED. JOE KENNEDY ALSO RAISED THE WHOLE QUESTION OF COLLUSION AND THE USE OF LETHAL FORCE WITH BROOKE.

4. BROOKE WENT INTO NO REAL DETAILS DURING HIS MEETING WITH THE SPEAKER. HE WENT OVER THE GROUND ON THE TALKS, THANKED THE SPEAKER FOR HIS SUPPORT ON THE IFI AND SPOKE GENERALLY ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NORTHERN IRELAND ECONOMY. BROOKE MENTIONED THAT UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE BORDER COUNTIES OF THE REPUBLIC WAS HIGHER THAN IN THE ADJOINING COUNTIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND. THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT, BROOKE WAS AT PAINS TO STRESS HIS CONCERN FOR THE NORTHERN IRELAND ECONOMY AND MEASURES TO IMPROVE IT.

5. PREDICTABLY, FROM THE ACCOUNTS I HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE VARIOUS CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES, BROOKE CONCENTRATED ON THE BREAKTHROUGH IN TALKS ABOUT TALKS. BROOKE PLAYED DOWN ANY HIGH EXPECTATIONS FROM THE TALKS. HE MENTIONED THAT PERHAPS THE TALKS WILL ACHIEVE SOME MINOR PEAKS IN THE MOUNTAIN OF PROBLEMS FACING NORTHERN IRELAND. IN RESPONSE TO THE CEASEFIRE BY THE UVF AND UDA BROOKE, WHILE WELCOMING THIS, DID NOT ATTACH UNDUE SIGNIFICANCE TO IT. THE SECRETARY OF STATE ALSO RAISED WITH HIS MANY INTERLOCUTORS THE GOOD WORK THE INTERNATIONAL FUND WAS ACHIEVING AND ASKED FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF CONGRESS.

6. THE STATE DEPT ALSO TOLD ME THAT NOTHING OF ANY REAL SIGNIFICANCE AROSE DURING THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S MEETING WITH UNDERSECRETARY KIMMIT. BROOKE WENT OVER THE TIMETABLE FOR TALKS AND THE IFI. THE STATE DEPT ALSO HAD, EARLIER IN THE WEEK, TAKEN THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW THEIR TRAVEL CAUTION FOR AMERICANS VISITING IRELAND AND BROOKE WAS INFORMED FORMALLY OF THIS.

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