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 FAX TO: David Cooney,
 Anglo-Irish Division.

FROM: Ambassador.

1. I refer to your message of 15 November 1995 asking for observations on possible Canadian members of an international body on decommissioning.
2. You had requested that we should not approach the Canadian authorities about the names supplied. My immediate concern, on receiving your message, was that we might be proceeding to select Canadian members of the Commission without consultation with the Canadian Government. It was not evident to me why we (the British and ourselves jointly) should not openly ask the Canadians for nominations, making clear that such a request did not prejudge the issue of their involvement. Having been present at the meeting between the Taoiseach and Prime Minister Chrétien, I would think that Mr. Chrétien would expect to personally approve any names that might be proposed.
3. The British High Commissioner, Sir Nicholas Bayne, called me this morning to ask if he could come, at short notice, to talk to me about Canadian involvement in decommissioning. Since I have to leave the office at 12:30 today and he will not be here next week, we agreed that his deputy, Ms. Linda Duffield, will brief Stephen Dawson, who will report.
4. Sir Nicholas mentioned, without wishing to go into the matter in any detail on the phone, that the NIO had been talking to our Department of Justice as a result of which he had been asked to speak to the Canadians. He had managed to catch Mr. Jim Bertelman, the Prime Minister's foreign policy advisor, before he left with Mr. Chrétien to attend the Rabin funeral and the Commonwealth and APEC Summits. He had obtained from Mr. Bertelman "some ideas of the sort of people the Canadians would name, if asked". Most of what Ms. Duffield would tell us about the names proposed and the other background had been conveyed by Legge of the NIO to Mr. Donald of the Department of Justice on, he thought, 14 November.

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5. The foregoing served to sharpen the concern I expressed in paragraph 2 above.
6. I am attaching CV's of General De Chastelaine, Mr. John Roberts and Senator Alan MacEachan. We have not been able to find a CV of Major-General John Archie MacInnes in our directories nor is his name known to any of the people I have spoken to.
7. General De Chastelaine is a distinguished professional soldier who has twice been Chief of Staff. The first period was from 1989 to 1992 under Prime Minister Mulroney who, in January 1993, made him Canadian Ambassador to Washington. After the change of government, Mr. Chrétien brought him back as Chief of Staff for a second term in January 1994, a position he still holds. He has served twice with the UN in Cyprus, on the second occasion as Deputy Chief of Staff. I would guess that his name is Huguenot rather than French and that his family background is Scottish. He spent some time at the British Army Staff College in Camberley. I have met him once. His colouring and hair are fair/blond and he has a youthful, well-preserved appearance. He is genial and good-humoured. He speaks French fluently, is articulate but presents fairly blandly because of his caution when speaking about military or policy matters.

The General is not known to have any political bent. He maintains a low profile and is not a publicity seeker. The impression one has is of a high-powered staff man whose style of management is low-key but effective. Although there have been problems in the armed forces, e.g. the Somalia affair, he has not been linked with them, at least so far as the public perception goes. To obtain an inside view, we would need to approach official sources. There has been publicity, however, about spending (presumably from official funds) on personal items such as hair styling and clothing while he was Ambassador.

8. Mr. John Roberts: An academic background (University of Toronto, Oxford, Ecole National d'Administration), a period in the foreign service and a political career as a Liberal

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spanning the years 1966/1984, during which he held the portfolios of Culture (Secretary of State), Science, Technology and the Environment, and Employment and Immigration in cabinets headed by Prime Minister Trudeau. He represented the affluent Toronto constituency of Forest Hill. He ran for the Liberal leadership after Mr. Trudeau left but finished well down the list of candidates. There was some surprise that he put his name forward. Since leaving politics, he had been heading an academic institute in Toronto. He is not known to have any particular interest on Northern Ireland, except as part of a general interest in foreign affairs. He had been described as a "very curvy, smooth" person who moves in fashionable circles - this may possibly be an unkind judgement.

9. Senator Allan McEachen (pronounced MacEken) is one of the most senior and revered members of the Canadian parliament. As you will see, after a period as a professor of economics, he has been in political life since 1953 and has held many senior Cabinet positions, including Deputy Prime Minister and two terms as Secretary of State for External Affairs. He has also held a number of senior international positions, including Chairman of the IMF Interim Committee and Chairman of the 1982 GATT Ministerial.

McEachen's background, like that of most other people from Cape Breton Island, is Catholic, Scottish Gaelic. He is deeply interested in Scottish culture and traditions and in Celtic folklore and is said to speak some Scottish Gaelic. Francis Xavier University, which he attended, was founded by Scottish Catholics.

McEachen has been a major figure in both Nova Scotia and national politics, and is today a widely respected and revered father figure. He is regarded as one of the great parliamentarians of recent decades. While we have no information about his views on the Anglo-Irish question, I know that he is liked and respected by the members of the Canada Ireland Parliamentary Association. He is, of course, in his mid-seventies but I am told by people who have seen him recently that he appears to be in good health and to be his normal self.

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MacEACHEN, Hon. Allan J., P.C. (Can.), M.A. LL.D.; senator; b. Inverness, N.S., 6 July 1921; s. Angus and Annie (Gillis) M.; e. St. Francis Xavier Univ., B.A. 1944; Univ. of Toronto, M.A. 1946 (Pol. Econ.); Univ. of Chicago (Fron) 1948; Macc. Econ. Stud., Dept. Econ. and Social Science, 1951-1953; Hon. degrees; St. Francis Xavier, Acadia Univ., Loyola Coll. (Baltimore); LL.D. (Hon.), St. Marys Univ. 1973; Dalhousie Univ. 1974; Sir Wilfrid Laurier 1976; MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF

CANADA: Leader of the Opposition in the Senate 1984-91; Prof. of Econ., St. Francis Xavier Univ., 1946-48 and subsequently Head, Dept. of Economics and Social Sciences; e-l to H. of C. for Inverness-Richmond (now Cape Breton Highlands-Canso), g.e. 1953; re-el. g.e. 1957; def. g.e. 1958; apptd. Special Asst. and Consultant on Econ. Affairs to Hon. Lester Pearson, 1958; re-el. g.e. 1962 until and including 1980; Min. of Labour, 1963-65; Min. of Nat. Health & Welfare, 1965-68 (also Govt. House Leader 1967-68); Manpower and Immigration 1968-70; Pres. Privy Council and Govt. House Leader 1970-74; Secy. of State for External Affairs 1974-76; Pres. Privy Council 1976-77; Pres. Group of 10, 1980-81; Chrmn., Interim Ctte., Internat. Monetary Fund; Chrmn., Conf. on Internat. Economic Co-operation; Chrmn., GATT Ministerial 1982; Chrmn., Internat. Advisory Council of the Bank of Montreal 1986-91; Depy. Prime Min. and Pres. Privy Council 1977-79; Depy. Leader of the Opposition and Opposition House Leader, 1979; Depy. Prime Min. and Min. of Fin. 1980-82; Depy. Prime Min. and Secy. of State for External Affairs 1982-84; summoned to Senate June 1984; Leader of Govt. in Senate until Sept. 1984; Mem., Royal Ottawa Health Care Group's Bd. of Trustees 1987-; Home: R.R. 1, Whycocomagh, N.S. BOE 3M0; Office: Room 381-S, Centre Block, The Senate, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0A4.

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de CHASTELAIN, Gen. Alfred John Gardyne Drummond, CMM, OC, CD, B.A.; soldier; diplomat; b. Bucharest, Rumania 30 July 1937; s. Alfred George Gardyne and Marion Elizabeth (Walsh) de C.; e. Fettes Coll.

Edinburgh 1955; Mount Royal Coll. Calgary 1956; Royal Mil. Coll. Can. Kingston B.A. 1960; Brit. Army Staff Coll. Camberley grad. 1966; m. MaryAnn d. Rev. Dr. A. M. Laverly, Kingston, Ont. 9 Sept. 1961; children: Duncan John Drummond, Amanda Jane; CHIEF, NATIONAL DEFENCE H.Q. 1993-; comnd. 2nd Lt. 2 Bn. PPCLI Edmonton 1960; promoted Capt. and named aide-de-camp to Chief of Gen. Staff Army HQ Ottawa 1962-64; Co. Commdr. 1 PPCLI Hemer, Fed. Republic Germany 1964-65; promoted Maj. and Co. Commdr. 1 PPCLI Edmonton and later served with 1 Bn. UN Force Cyprus 1967-68; appointed Bgde. Maj. 1 Combat Group Calgary 1968-70; Commanding Officer 2 PPCLI Winnipeg 1970-72 and promoted Lt. Col.; attended Laval Univ. under Federal Bicultural Program 1972-73; Sr. Staff Offr. Quartier Général Dist. 3 Qué. (Milice) Québec City 1973; promoted Col. and Commdr. Candn. Forces Base Montreal 1974; Depy. Chief of Staff HQ UN Forces Cyprus and Commdr. Candn. Contingent 1976; promoted to Brig. Gen. 1977 and apptd. Commandant Royal Mil. Coll. Can. Kingston; assumed command 4 Candn. Mechanized Bgde. Group Lahr, Fed. Republic Germany 1980-82; appointed Director General Land Doctrine and Operations NDHQ, Ottawa 1982-83; promoted Maj. Gen. 1983 and apptd. Depy. Commdr. Mobile Command, St. Hubert, Que.; promoted Lt. Gen. 1986 and appointed Asst. Depy. Min. (Personnel) at NDHQ Ottawa; Vice Chief, Defence Staff 1988; promoted Gen. 1989 and apptd. Chief of the Defence Staff; Candn. Ambassador to the United States Jan. 1993-Dec. 1993; Chief of the Defence Staff 1994-; Past Vice-Pres., Nat. Counc., Boy Scouts of Can.; Past Pres., Dominion of Canada Rifle Assoc.; Vice-Pres., Nat. Rifle Assn. (UK); apptd. Commander of the Order of Military Merit 1984; Officer of the Order of Canada 1993; Officer of the Order of St. John 1987, Commander 1991; Commendation Medal of Merit and Honour (Greece); Conference of Defence Assns. VIMY Award 1992; Presbyterian; recreations: fishing, painting, jogging, Scottish country dancing; Clubs: Royal Military College of Canada Club; Royal Kingston Un. Services Inst.; St. Andrew's Soc. of Montreal; Royal Scottish Country Dance Soc.; Office: 101 Colonel By Dr., Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0K2.

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and Jean Fitch (Batty) R.; e. Oakwood Coll. Inst. Toronto; Univ. of Toronto; Oxford Univ. Trinity Coll., St. Anthony's Coll.; Ecole Nationale d'adm., Paris; Min. of Science and Technol., Can. and Min. of the Environment 1980-83; Min. of Employment & Immigration, Aug. 1983-84; Sec. of State, 1976-79; Foreign Service Off. Dept. of External Affairs 1975-80; Exve. Asst. to Min. of Forestry & Rural Devel. 1966-68; el. to H. of C. g.e. 1968; Parly. Secy. to Min. of Regional & Econ. Expansion; def. g.e. 1972, re-el. 1974, def. 1979, re-el. 1980 (St. Paul's) def. 1984; Sworn of Privy Council 1976; Liberal Leadership Candidate, 1984; author: 'Agenda for Canada: towards a new liberalism' 1986; Address: 508 - 44 Charles St. W., Toronto, Ont. M4Y 1R7.



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URGENT - via A/I Secretariat

Dear Tim,

INTERNATIONAL BODY: PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

I was most grateful to Val O'Donnell and other colleagues for travelling up to Belfast on Tuesday to continue the discussions on the practical arrangements for the International Body, following the meeting we had in Dublin on 24 October.

Val and I agreed on Tuesday that it is of the highest importance that momentum at the political level should not be impeded by lack of progress on the practical issues relating to the Body. In his 5 November letter the Taoiseach proposed a Summit this month, and, without prejudice to the substantive reply which the Prime Minister is to make, it is worth noting that if we were to meet that timescale we would need to move forward very rapidly in a number of areas. The purpose of this letter, therefore, is to summarise where we stand on the various issues which we have been discussing for some time, and which now need to be settled as a matter of urgency.

On membership of the Body, you said at the meeting on 24 October that Canada and Finland were the countries most likely to be favoured by the Irish Government as sources for the two outstanding appointments. We therefore gave Val on Tuesday our Ministerially-approved shortlist of candidates from these two countries, together with Sweden (and the Netherlands as a fall-back) as a possible alternative to Finland. If we are to move forward, we would therefore need very early confirmation that the Irish side is content to proceed on the basis of Canada and Finland, and an indication that you are willing to settle on candidates from among those we have proposed (or for your alternative suggestions).

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On the chairmanship, the two Governments will of course need to make a formal joint approach before the Summit to the US Government, and then to Senator Mitchell personally, to confirm his availability and willingness to act as Chairman. On the hypothesis of a November Summit, this could well point to a joint approach to the Americans by Wednesday 22 November (given that the 23rd is the Thanksgiving holiday in the US).

On the "US questions", our meeting on Tuesday noted that it would be helpful in the circumstances if the two Governments were able to disregard these, rather than having to use some of the limited time available in trying to agree joint answers. There have been many developments since the questions were posed, and the key US figures are probably now better briefed on the process. As agreed with Val, we have accordingly requested our Embassy in Washington to ask the Americans informally whether it would be possible to set the questions aside. However, even if the questions can be disregarded, it will be important, when we both approach the Americans formally for Mitchell's services, to be able at least to indicate which other countries we intend to approach; and it would be valuable also to be able to run the names of our agreed candidates past the Americans and Mitchell at the same time. (It would be ideal if possible to sign up the other candidates and announce all the Body's members at the Summit, but that may be a bridge too far.)

On accommodation, we have now commenced urgent work to refurbish the Body's offices in Windsor House, with the aim of having them ready for occupation as early as possible. Val indicated on Tuesday that you were not now proceeding with the building you showed us last month, but had a couple of alternative locations in mind for the Body's offices in Dublin.

On other practical issues, you will have seen our paper and its detailed annexes. We need to agree the paper itself as soon as possible, since it will form the basis of our briefing of the relevant posts; early comments on the annexes would also be helpful. We will also need to agree the terms in which the US and other governments are formally approached about providing support staff for the Body.

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There are various other detailed points which we would need to tie down before any Summit, including what the leaders might say about practical arrangements. With this in mind, we are sending the DoJ separately an updated version of the Q&A material we tabled in August, on which we would welcome your comments. Looking slightly further ahead, we also need to consider how best the Body might be briefed on relevant matters. Our preliminary view is that we should aim for an agreed RUC/Garda assessment on paramilitary arms holdings, but in other respects submit separate briefing to the Body.

While I should be very happy if possible to agree all this in correspondence, we may need a further meeting early next week to settle matters. This may not be easy to arrange; and one alternative might be for Paul Hickey and Stephen Leach to go over the ground and agree as much as they can in the margins of the Liaison Group, which I believe is provisionally planned for Tuesday 21 November. Perhaps we could have a word on the 'phone first thing Monday morning to agree the next steps?

Yours, etc.

S.J. Leach

M. J M LEGGE

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