

cc Mr Smartt Mr McAuley

Capital 15/1/91

TO: MR SPENCE

FROM: P. McALISTER

## MACBRIDE CAMPAIGN: LETTER OF THANKS

In view of the fact that the Minister had declined to write a letter of thanks to the Ambassador you asked whether it would be in order for the Secretary to do so. We discussed and agreed that the more appropriate route would be a note from the Secretary to the Minister, Mr Wood. I attach for your consideration a draft letter and a draft covering note from you to the Secretary.

You also asked whether Sir Antony Acland was still Ambassador to the US. Sir Antony will remain in post until late May or early June when he will be replaced by Robin Renwick, formerly in South Africa and therefore likely to be experienced in the effects of the Sullivan Campaign, which should be useful for tackling MacBride.

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Equality Division II 15 January 1991



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As we look back at 1990, the most successful year yet in the anti-MacBride Campaign, I would be most grateful if you would convey my warmest thanks and congratulations to the Embassy staff and Consular personnel who have worked so hard to achieve this excellent result. Their commitment and dedication have been greatly appreciated by me and my staff, and I would wish them all to know how much their efforts have been valued back home.

I wish you and all of your staff a successful and rewarding year ahead.

RICHARD NEEDHAM