

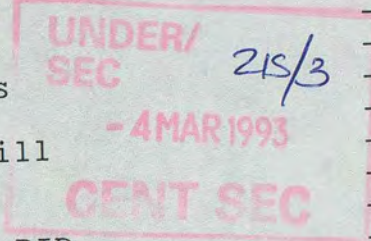
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NORTHERN IRELAND: FACT-FINDING VISIT

Sir Robin Renwick has now written to PUS with a draft announcement (copy attached) which the White House would like to make before St Patrick's Day. *3/3/93*

2. Sir Robin would be grateful for our early comments on the text.

3. The wording is probably as good as we will get; I should be grateful for the Secretary of State's approval of it and any comments from copy recipients before close of play on Thursday, 4 March in order that we can pass our clearance to the Embassy as soon as possible.

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*Mr Watkins -
I doubt if it is worth
trying to inject anything
what do you think?*

*too late!
hurry*

*4/3 14.50 p
hurry
I'm right for, by phone.
the addition of "constitutional"
as shown overleaf. It is
accurate, but not also
given to send a signal
about US recognition of
whom the survey might
(not) talk to. *AS**

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As an expression of his support for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and in the context of his support for the talks between the ^[Constitutional] parties in Northern Ireland and the British and Irish Governments, President Clinton will ask [a senior representative] to undertake a fact finding visit and report whether there are any ways in which the United States can help.

The President stressed that Americans categorically condemn terrorist violence from whatever source. He emphasised his desire for peace, justice and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. He praised the ongoing efforts to that end, in particular the International Fund for Ireland, which was established in large part due to the efforts of Speaker Foley's illustrious predecessor, The Honourable Thomas P O'Neill. The President stressed his conviction that while the United States can support the search for a peaceful solution, the primary responsibility must rest with those directly involved.

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