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*for
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- You discuss this AM

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VISIT BY PRESIDENT CLINTON TO NORTHERN IRELAND:
30 NOVEMBER-1 DECEMBER 1995

1. We now have the programme for the next American recce team who will be visiting Northern Ireland on 25/26 October.
2. The main points of interest are:
 - there will be no visit to the ancestral home in Rosslea. We can forget about our proposals for Uncle Mick;
 - the President will, however, still be overnighing in Belfast;
 - although the recce team will not be visiting it, Creggan Community Enterprises (Conal McFeely) is a strong possibility for a Presidential visit; and

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- the team wish to visit Townsend Street Presbyterian Church. This is a possible venue for the "major speech".

3. The programme for the recce team (who will be staying at the Stormont Hotel) is as follows:

Wednesday 25 October (Belfast)

- Mackies
- Falls/Shankill Road (peaceline)
- Townsend Street Presbyterian Church
- Kings Hall
- Maysfield Leisure Centre
- City Hall
- Europa

Thursday 26 October (Londonderry)

- City Walls/Old Derry
- Guildhall
- Derry City Airport.

4. We do not have a list of the White House contingent who are travelling to Northern Ireland, but there are at least 15 participants from the US Embassy (London). I would suggest that we might host a little dinner party (with you in the chair) at the Stormont on 25 October for a small number of the more important Americans; this will provide an opportunity for you to stress again the need for balance in the programme. We might discuss with Kathy Stephens on Friday.

5. I have also had a word with Joe Cowan and Chris Todd about the "balance" of the programme in Belfast and Londonderry. Two suggestions have emerged:

- Campsie Real Estate, a business park set up by Michael Black; and

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- in East Belfast, East Belfast Enterprise Park, an IFI project. We might also facilitate a visit to Connswater Shopping Centre which would allow the President to meet "real people", and provide an opportunity for Paisley/Robinson to meet him without a Sinn Fein presence.

[Signed: MTHM]

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