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ST PATRICK'S DAY: CLINTON AND REYNOLDS

#### SUMMARY

1. CLINTON SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OF THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE, CONDEMNS THE HEATHROW BOMBINGS AND CALLS ON THE MEN OF VIOLENCE TO LAY DOWN THEIR WEAPONS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS DEFENDS HIS DECISION ON THE ADAMS VISA AND SAYS HE FINDS ADAMS' STATEMENT TODAY ENCOURAGING.

#### DETAIL

2. CLINTON AND REYNOLDS HELD A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER THEIR MEETING THIS MORNING.

3. IN HIS STATEMENT REYNOLDS PLUGGED THE JOINT DECLARATION, WHICH DID NOT HAVE AN EXPIRY DATE. VIOLENCE SHOULD END AND EVERYONE SHOULD EMBRACE THE JOINT DECLARATION WHICH WOULD ENABLE A GENERAL MOVE TO THE NEXT, MUCH BROADER PHASE OF THE PEACE PROCESS AND BRING AN END TO THE ISOLATION OF SIGNIFICANT SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY. HE THANKED CLINTON FOR HIS SUPPORT AND WELCOMED HIS READINESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACE PROCESS WHEN AND IF NEEDED.

4. CLINTON PRAISED THE PRIME MINISTER AND REYNOLDS FOR THEIR EFFORTS FOR PEACE. HE ENDORSED THE JOINT DECLARATION AS THE ONLY WAY FORWARD, CONDEMNED THE BOMB THREATS AT LONDON AIRPORTS AND CALLED ON ALL THOSE WHO PRACTICED VIOLENCE FOR POLITICAL AIMS TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS. HE PLEDGED U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE PEACE PROCESS.

5. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM THE IRISH TIMES CLINTON SAID HE HAD NOT YET READ GERRY ADAMS' STATEMENT OF TODAY BUT HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE REPORTS OF IT HE HAD RECEIVED.

6. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER HE WOULD GRANT ANOTHER VISA TO ADAMS, CLINTON SAID IT WAS PREMATURE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER. THE ISSUE WAS NOW WHETHER SINN FEIN WOULD JOIN THE PEACE EFFORT. HE THOUGHT HIS DECISION ON THE VISA HAD BEEN THE CORRECT ONE. ADAMS HAD BEEN ABLE TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THAT IRISH AMERICANS WANTED PEACE. HE WAS MORE HOPEFUL ABOUT PEACE AS A RESULT OF REPORTS HE HAD RECEIVED ABOUT ADAMS' COMMENTS TODAY. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT IRISH AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR THE IRA, HE SAID HE HOPED ALL IRISH AMERICANS WOULD EMBRACE THE



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JOINT DECLARATION.

7. WHEN ASKED ABOUT A U.S. ROLE, HE SAID THE RIGHT THING TO DO WAS TO GIVE THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS A CHANCE TO MOVE THE PEACE PROCESS FORWARD. THE U.S. SHOULD NOT DO ANYTHING TO DISRUPT THE PROCESS.

COMMENT

8. HUME HAD TOLD THE WHITE HOUSE THAT ADAMS WOULD ISSUE A SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT TODAY. THE PRESIDENT WAS REACTING OFF THE CUFF TO REMARKS HE HAD NOT SEEN. 12

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