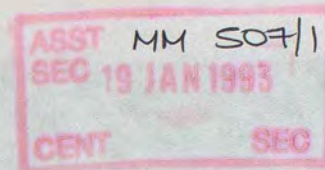


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CLINTON: NORTHERN IRELAND

1. WHEN I SAW CLINTON'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER, I EMPHASISED THE NEED FOR CLINTON TO AVOID REPEATING THE KIND OF STATEMENTS HE HAD MADE IN HIS LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN MORRISON. IT WAS THE IRA AND THE PROTESTANT PARA-MILITARY GROUPS WHO SPECIALISED IN THE WANTON USE OF LETHAL FORCE. SIR PATRICK MAYHEW WAS ATTEMPTING TO GET DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY AGAIN BETWEEN THE PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC LEADERS IN NORTHERN IRELAND. THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT LAID DOWN THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH EFFORTS TO MAKE POLITICAL PROGRESS MUST TAKE PLACE. I HOPED THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT PURSUE THE IDEA OF A QUOTE PEACE ENVOY UNQUOTE. BUT WE WELCOMED CONSTRUCTIVE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT OF THE KIND DISPLAYED BY THE SPEAKER, TOM FOLEY.

2. LAKE GAVE ME THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT CLINTON WILL NOW BE MORE CAUTIOUS. I EXPLAINED THE DIFFICULTIES WE SAW OVER THE MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES. LAKE SAID THAT GENERALLY ON THIS SUBJECT CLINTON WOULD WANT TO ACT IN WAYS THAT WERE SUPPORTIVE OF THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT.

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