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TO HQ FROM WASHINGTON
FOR DONLON FROM LILLIS

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SUBJECT: THE HUME INITIATIVE

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- 1) NORTHERN IRELAND DESK OFFICER AT BRITISH EMBASSY INFORMED ME OVER WEEKEND BRITISH WOULD PROBABLY HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO STATEMENT WHICH ENVISAGED ENCOURAGEMENT TO INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT BUT WOULD OBJECT TO SPECIAL FUND.
- 2) AT PARKER'S REQUEST, I WROTE BACKGROUND BRIEF WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION FOR POLITICAL LEADERS' VISIT TO VANCE.
- 3) TODAY'S NEW YORK POST CARRIES REPORT FROM ALEANY MENTIONING MEETING OF THURSDAY ~~MAY~~ 9 AND STATING THAT THE OBJECT WILL BE TO DISCUSS MEANS TO TURN OFF SUPPORT TO IRA.
- 4) AT MEETING TODAY WITH IRISH DESK OFFICER AT STATE DEPARTMENT, I GATHERED ATTITUDE OF VANCE LIKELY TO BE CAUTIOUS, URGING NECESSITY FOR FORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED AND RAISING QUESTIONS ABOUT ACCEPTABILITY OF FUND CONCEPT. I BRIEFED HIM ON OUR ATTITUDE AND WHAT WE UNDERSTAND BRITISH ATTITUDE IS LIKELY TO BE AND URGED THAT SPECIAL EFFORT BE MADE NOT TO DISCOURAGE VISITORS OR TO APPEAR HOSTILE IN PRINCIPLE TO INITIATIVE.

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