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VISIT OF PRESIDENT CLINTON TO NORTHERN IRELAND:
30 NOVEMBER/1 DECEMBER

1. I attended a meeting in London on Monday 6 November chaired by Maurice Dalton of the FCO Protocol Department to discuss the arrangements for President Clinton's forthcoming visit to

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Northern Ireland. Apart from FCO representatives Mr Will Imbrie and Mr Blair Hall also attended.

2. The Americans were unable to shed much further light on the President's programme. They were able to shed even less light on the programmes for the other Cabinet Ministers/delegations who will be in Northern Ireland at the same time as the President.
3. There were, however, some interesting points which arose at the meeting, viz:
 - the communications equipment will arrive at Aldergrove on 18 November;
 - the helicopters will arrive on 20/21 November;
 - the cars (for the motorcade) will arrive on 28 November.
4. All of this material will be transported to Northern Ireland on 3 CS Galaxy cargo planes.
5. The President's programme is still pretty much as we have been already informed, viz
 - Mackies
 - East Belfast Enterprise Park
 - Londonderry
 - Belfast City Hall (treelighting)
 - Reception/evening entertainment.

There will, however, be some OTR (off the record) events: a walk to UUP headquarters in Glengall Street was mentioned, as was a casual drop in to a nearby pub.

6. The President is still scheduled to arrive on a DC9 (38 passengers) on 30 November (leaving the GB mainland at

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8.00 am). There will be no car journeys from Londonderry to Belfast.

7. I maintain regular contact with the Americans and the FCO in a so far vain attempt to elicit some fuller information about the visit. However, extracting this information is proving painfully slow, and all the signs are that we will be hit with an avalanche of demands at the last moment. Life will be interesting for all concerned.

[Signed: MTHM]

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