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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELNO 179
OF 242341Z JANUARY 94
AND TO IMMEDIATE NIO(L), CABINET OFFICE
INFO IMMEDIATE DUBLIN, ACTOR

(Handwritten signature: Jne)

FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY, ARCHER (RID) AND LYNE,
NO 10.
NIO(L) -(PERSONAL FOR PS/SECRETARY OF STATE AND SIR J CHILCOT)
DUBLIN -(PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR)

MY TELNO 173 : GERRY ADAMS

1. WHEN I SAW TARNOFF (ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE) TODAY, I REITERATED THAT WE HOPED THAT ADAMS WOULD NOT BE ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES WHILE HE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT TERRORISM. IDEAS THAT HE SHOULD SIMPLY STATE PERSONALLY THAT HE HOPED FOR AN END TO VIOLENCE AND URGE QUOTE ALL PARTIES UNQUOTE TO END IT WERE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. WHAT WAS REQUIRED FROM HIM WAS A COMMITMENT FROM HIS OWN PARTY - SINN FEIN - AND THE IRA TO END VIOLENCE. WE HAD MADE CLEAR REPEATEDLY THAT WE WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ADAMS AND THE IRA WHILE THEY CONTINUED TERRORIST ACTIONS.
2. TARNOFF (PLEASE PROTECT) SAID THAT, AS ACTING SECRETARY, HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO THE WHITE HOUSE THAT EITHER THEY SHOULD DROP THE WHOLE IDEA OF SETTING OUT CONDITIONS FOR ADAMS TO GET A VISA AND SIMPLY REFUSE ONE : OR, FAILING THAT, THAT ANY SUCH CONDITIONS NEEDED TO BE AGREED WITH US. WARREN CHRISTOPHER WOULD NEED A GOOD DEAL OF CONVINCING BEFORE HE WOULD INSTRUCT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO WAIVE THE EXCLUSION ORDER AGAINST ADAMS AND TARNOFF DOUBTED IF HE WOULD DO SO UNLESS ADAMS DECLARED HIS COMMITMENT AGAINST TERRORISM.
3. I THANKED TARNOFF AND SAID THAT I HOPED VERY MUCH THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD STICK TO THIS.

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