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MY TELNO 226 : GERRY ADAMS

1. TARNOFF TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT THE U.S. CONSUL-GENERAL IN BELFAST HAD SEEN ADAMS. ADAMS SAID THAT HIS VIEWS ON VIOLENCE WERE WELL KNOWN. HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE CONDITIONS. THEY WOULD MAKE HIS POSITION IMPOSSIBLE WITHIN THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT. THE AMERICANS WERE BEING ASKED TO MAKE A TINY GESTURE OVER THE VISA, FOR WHICH THERE WOULD BE A BIG DIVIDEND (UNSPECIFIED). ADAMS SAID THE BALL WAS NOW IN THE COURT OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD SET THE CONDITIONS.

2. TARNOFF AND DONILON SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME STRONG REACTIONS FROM THOSE IN CONGRESS WHO WANTED THE VISA TO BE GRANTED TO THE CONDITIONS THE ADMINISTRATION HAD LAID DOWN, BUT WARREN CHRISTOPHER INTENDED TO STICK TO THEM.

3. WE SHOULD NOT REVEAL THIS TO THE PRESS IN ADVANCE OF THE AMERICANS DOING SO.

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OUR POSITION ON VIOLENCE IS QUITE CLEAR. I WANT TO SEE AN END TO THIS CONFLICT. I WANT TO SEE AN END TO VIOLENCE. I DONT ADVOCATE VIOLENCE

MY POSITION ON THE DOWNING STREET DECLARATION IS CLEAR ALSO. ITS DESCRIBED AS A FIRST STEP AND WE ARE TOTALLY COMMITED TO A PEACE SETTLEMENT. SO IF ITS A STEP WE WISH TO EMBRACE IT

RE DOWNING STREET DECLARATION" I AM ANXIOUS TO EMBRACE IT IF IT HELPS THE PEACE PROCESS, IF IT MOVES THE PEACE PROCESS ON

I WANT TO SEE THE IRA ENDED I WANT THE IRA DISBANDED PERIOD I WANT THE LOYALIST DEATH SQUADS DISBANDED

I AM QUITE WILLING TO SEEK TO PERSUADE THE IRA ----- I HAVE SAID THAT I WANT TO BRING A PROPOSITION TO THE IRA WHICH ALLOWS IT TO END ITS CAMPAIGN

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TO DAVID

1. Does not personally renounce violence. - i.e. give up his support for / justification of IRA policies of violence. "This conflict" and para 1 based on IRA theory

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that the British are the source of the conflict and of violence.

2. Heavily conditional about the JD. Does not accept that the conflict should end on the basis of the JD. Talks of a "peace settlement". Decided: need to negotiate a "p.s." in order to / before end to violence.

the fax

[Only last week said in his personal flash view Irish citizens had

the moral right to turn up

had by me
John Sawers

3. All implies future for now present.

