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H.E. Sir Nicholas Henderson, GCMG
British Embassy
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Your Excellency,

I am writing to officially inform you of a visit by a delegation of British Members of the House of Commons and of the European Parliament to the United States during the last two weeks of January.

The United Unionist delegation which intends to present Ulster Unionist case to the American people will consist of:

Ian Paisley M.P. M.E.P., Leader of the Democratic Unionist Party
Peter Robinson M.P., Deputy Leader of the Democratic Unionist Party
John Taylor M.E.P., Former member of the Northern Ireland Government
and a member of Her Majesty's Privy Council
and Mrs. Nora Bradford, wife of the late Robert Bradford, M.P. for
South Belfast 1974-November 1981.

The delegation, which plans to arrive on the evening of 15 January, looks forward to having the opportunity to pay a courtesy call on you at our Embassy in Washington.

We would appreciate your assistance in our representation to the American administration and Congress. I am enclosing for your information copies of letters to the President, Vice President and Secretary of State. We have had talks with First Secretary Wall during the last two weeks and are grateful for his assistance and that of many of our Consular officials around the U.S. We will furnish you with details of the delegations' countrywide activities at a later date and we would appreciate if that could be communicated to our Consul Generals and Honorary Consuls in the relevant cities.

Operation U.S.A. would also request the assistance of the British Embassy in ensuring liaison with the relevant U.S. departments on the matter of security arrangements for the delegation during its stay in the U.S. Our representative in Washington, Jack E. Buttram, will provide full details of the itinerary on request.

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In conclusion, I would like to state our concern at the reported attempts by a number of American politicians to deny the delegation the right of entry into the United States and therefore to restrict our freedom to directly present the views of the Ulster Unionist people.

We look to you for full protection of our interests and rights.

Yours sincerely,

David Burnside
Joint Director Operation U.S.A.

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Enclosures (3)

PETER ROBINSON'S SCHEDULE

			<u>Departure</u>	<u>Arrival</u>
Tuesday	19th	WASHINGTON-PHOENIX	5.35 pm	10.25 pm
Wednesday	20th	PHOENIX-LOS ANGELES	7.45 pm	7.51 pm
Thursday	21st	LOS ANGELES-SAN FRANCISCO	5.35 pm	6.45 pm
Friday	22nd	SAN FRANCISCO-DENVER	4.30 pm	12.37 am (Sat)
Sunday	24th	DENVER-WASHINGTON DC	12.40 pm	7.00 pm

JOHN TAYLOR'S SCHEDULE

			<u>Departure</u>	<u>Arrival</u>
Tuesday	19th	WASHINGTON-TORONTO	4.50 pm	6.48 pm
Wednesday	20th	TORONTO-BOSTON	5.30 pm	6.51 pm
Thursday	21st	BOSTON-CHICAGO	6.35 pm	8.10 pm
Friday	22nd*	CHICAGO-DETROIT	6.45 pm	8.40 pm
Saturday	23rd*	DETROIT-WASHINGTON DC	8.50 pm	10.00 pm

*In the event of it not proving possible to arrange anything worthwhile in Detroit on the Saturday JT will return direct to Washington from Chicago, perhaps at 7.27 pm, arriving 10.00 pm on Fri 22nd, or at 11.45 am on Sat 23rd, arriving at 2.20 pm.

IAN PAISLEY'S SCHEDULE

			<u>Departure</u>	<u>Arrival</u>
Tuesday	19th	WASHINGTON-DALLAS/FORT WORTH	5.30 pm	8.15 pm
Wednesday	20th	DALLAS/FW-HOUSTON	6.15 pm	7.11 pm
Thursday	21st	HOUSTON-ATLANTA	5.35 pm	8.23 pm
Friday	22nd	ATLANTA-GREENVILLE	5.15 pm	6.00 pm
Saturday	23rd	GREENVILLE-BIRMINGHAM via Atlanta	7.35 am	9.10 am
Saturday	23rd	BIRMINGHAM-ORLANDO via Atlanta	4.45 pm	8.37 pm
Sunday	24th	ORLANDO-BALTIMORE*	2.50 pm	4.41 pm

*Then by J Buttram's private plane to Harrisbourg and back to Washington DC.

WASHINGTON DC Whole delegation 15-19 Jan, 24-26

NEW YORK Whole delegation 26-28

Mrs Bradford in Jackson, Mississippi 19-24.