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M.I.P.T.: NORTHERN IRELAND: ST PATRICK'S DAY.

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXTRACTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AT A
 RECEPTION AT THE IRISH EMBASSY THIS AFTERNOON:
 BEINGS:-

I'VE PREVIOUSLY SPOKEN ABOUT OUR CONCERNS OVER THE VIOLENCE IN
 IRELAND AND DO NOT NEED TO EITHER ELABORATE, NOR IN ANY WAY DETRACT
 FROM WHAT I AND MY PREDECESSORS IN THIS OFFICE HAVE ALREADY SAID,
 OTHER THAN TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN MY SUPPORT FOR A JUST AND PEACEFUL
 SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF IRELAND AND MY STRONG CONDEMNATION OF
 ALL ACTS OF TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE. (APPLAUSE.)

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AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, WE BELIEVE THAT A LASTING SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF IRELAND CAN BE FOUND ONLY IN A PROCESS OF RECONCILIATION AND I AGAIN TAKE THIS OCCASION ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO JOIN WITH MY FELLOW AMERICANS WHO WORK AND PRAY FOR AN END TO TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE.

THE BISHOP OF DOWN AND CONNOR, BISHOP DALY, SPEAKING AT THE FUNERAL MASS OF JUDGE WILLIAM DOYLE, WHO WAS GUNNED DOWN BY THE PROVISIONAL I.R.A. ON A SUNDAY MORNING AS HE LEFT CHURCH IN BELFAST, TOLD THE ASSEMBLED CONGREGATION, REPRESENTING BOTH IRISH COMMUNITIES, ''.... WE COMMIT OURSELVES ONCE MORE TO WORK FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION. OUR BELIEF IN PEACE IS UNSHAKEN. OUR HOPE FOR PEACE IS IRREPRESSIBLE.''

I'M TOLD THAT IN ARMAGH, THE ECCLESIASTICAL CAPITAL OF IRELAND SINCE THE DAYS OF ST. PATRICK, THAT THERE ARE TWO GREAT CATHEDRALS ON THE HILLS OF THAT TOWN, EACH DEDICATED TO ST. PATRICK. I UNDERSTAND THAT LATE LAST YEAR THE ARCHBISHOP OF THE PROTESTANT CHURCH OF IRELAND AND THE PRIMATE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN IRELAND, THE INCUMBENTS OF THOSE CATHEDRALS, CAME TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD AND RECONCILIATION TO JOINTLY SPONSOR A TOWN CELEBRATION DEDICATED TO PEACE AND HARMONY. IT IS THAT MESSAGE THAT I WISH MY FELLOW AMERICANS TO HEAR ON THIS ST. PATRICK'S DAY. I ENCOURAGE AMERICANS OF ALL FAITHS TO WALK TOGETHER IN SUCH A SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION, REJECTING VIOLENCE IN ANY FORM.

SOME FEW BUT VOCAL AMERICANS BELIEVE THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN IRISHMEN CAN ONLY BE SOLVED BY VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION. THEY ARE NO FRIENDS OF IRELAND. THEY DISGRACE THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH BOTH IRELAND AND AMERICA STAND. I WOULD URGE MY FELLOW AMERICANS NOT TO LISTEN TO SUCH PEOPLE. I KNOW THAT FOREIGN MINISTER BARRY JOINS ME IN CALLING UPON PEOPLE EVERYWHERE TO TURN AWAY FROM THE MORAL BANKRUPTCY OF THE MEN OF VIOLENCE AND TO HELP OR HEED, INSTEAD, THE CALL FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION THAT IS THE TRUE MESSAGE WHICH ST. PATRICK HIMSELF FIRST BROUGHT TO IRELAND.

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