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THE PRIME MINISTER

16 July 1986

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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. 132/86

Dear Sen.

I have heard the news that you have signed the Supplemental Appropriations Bill providing \$50 million for Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. We are most grateful for this substantial gesture on your part and on the part of Congress, and for your support and sympathy for our efforts to achieve greater peace and stability in Northern Ireland. The resources will be used to help both communities in Northern Ireland and we will now proceed to make the practical arrangements to enable to funds to be disbursed.

Kind and warm regards to you both

Yours ever

Raymond

The President of the United States of America

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From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

cc PC



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15<sup>th</sup> July 1986

Dear Charles,

US CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND

President Reagan signed last week a Bill providing \$50 million for the International Fund which we propose to set up with the Irish: of this some three-quarters (c£25m) will go to Northern Ireland. Following the news that the US contribution was definite, officials have been finalising arrangements with the Irish to enable the Fund to be set up. Mr King hopes to write to the Prime Minister shortly about that when all the administrative details have been sorted out.

... In the meantime however it would be appropriate for the Prime Minister to write thanking President Reagan and the US Congress. I attach a draft note. I understand that the Irish are sending a similar note.

/ I am copying this letter to PS/Foreign Secretary and PS/Sir Robert Armstrong. I understand the Foreign Secretary would be happy for the Prime Minister to write now.

Yours Sincerely  
N D Ward.

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letter from the PM  
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DRAFT MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

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