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The Deputy Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

November 16, 1995

To: John C. Keeney  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

From: The Deputy Attorney General *[Signature]*

Re: Section 205 Referral of Bruce Morrison

Attached is a referral from the Counsel to the President of a possible violation of 18 U.S.C. 205 by Bruce Morrison, Chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board. Please handle as appropriate.

cc: Lee Radek, PIS

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 16, 1995

The Honorable Jamie Gorelick  
Deputy Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Room 4111  
Constitution Avenue and 10th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Jamie:

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 535(b), I am referring to you for appropriate action information regarding Bruce Morrison, Chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board, that may implicate 18 U.S.C. 205. The information of which I am aware was obtained from staff of the National Security Council (NSC), through Alan Kreczko, Special Assistant to the President and Legal Adviser to the NSC.

On June 22, 1995, Mr. Morrison wrote the President concerning the peace process in Ireland (copy attached). The letter is on the letterhead of Americans for a New Irish Agenda, and was signed by Mr. Morrison as Chair of that organization.

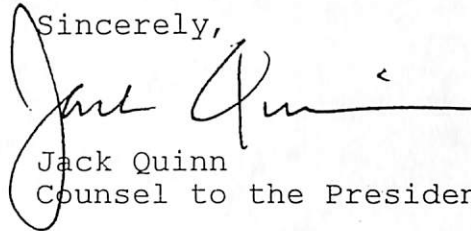
In addition, I understand from Mr. Kreczko that Mr. Morrison has been in contact with NSC staff about the Irish peace process and about the deportation of Irish nationals from the United States during the period in which he has been serving as Chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board. I have not undertaken a comprehensive review of these contacts, and have not attempted to reach any conclusion as to whether the contacts were made on behalf of any organization or outside interest or concerned "covered matters in which the United States is a party or has a direct and substantial interest" under 18 U.S.C. 205.

I am forwarding this information to you because 28 U.S.C. 535(b) and Department of Justice guidelines appear to contemplate

reporting whenever a question of compliance arises. Again, I do so without reaching any conclusions on whether the letter to the President or the contacts with NSC staff are covered by or contravene 18 U.S.C. 205.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. I would be happy to discuss this matter with you or a member of your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jack Quinn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Jack Quinn  
Counsel to the President

Enclosure

# Americans For a New Irish Agenda

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Bruce Morrison,  
Chair

June 22, 1995

President William J. Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your role in fostering the peace process in Ireland is one of the great success stories of your Administration's foreign policy. Time and again, your decisive personal intervention has moved the peace process forward.

Last month you brought together under one roof, for the first time in history, all Irish political parties at the White House Conference on Trade and Investment in Ireland. Millions of Irish Americans are grateful to you for that initiative and the many others you have taken.

It's clear to me that, without your personal intervention and sustained interest in finding a solution to the conflict, we would not have come as close as we have to a just and lasting peace in Ireland.

Yet, as we enter the tenth month of the IRA ceasefire, a new crisis is developing. The stalemate preventing all-party political talks is deepening. Talks between Sinn Fein and British government officials have now broken off. The Irish government and Irish political leaders continue to seek a way around the deadlock. The British government blames Irish republicans for the impasse. The truth is the opposite. The British government holds most of the cards, and is choosing a course that, unless changed, threatens to derail the peace process altogether.

The British government is insisting, before all-party talks, that the IRA decommission its weapons.

This is a calamitous position, I am convinced, and I am not alone in believing it. Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring has stated, *"If we take the attitude that nothing will happen unless there is a surrender or decommissioning of arms then, I think, that is a formula for disaster."*

SDLP leader John Hume has urgently called on the British to enter such talks. "This is not just a request of the British government; it is their duty to do it." Former Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds, a father of the peace process, has stated that the British, by refusing Sinn Fein a place at the conference table, are not honoring the terms of the Downing Street Declaration. He has suggested that the issue of decommissioning should be taken out of the talks process and, possibly, submitted to an international commission. Leading figures in the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC), the Northern Ireland police, have stated that decommissioning is a matter of minor importance, so long as the guns are silent.

All sides in Northern Ireland want disarmament, but negotiations cannot succeed if one party is asked to surrender. The British stance now is a far cry from the "incredible generosity" promised by Sir Patrick Mayhew before the IRA ceasefire.

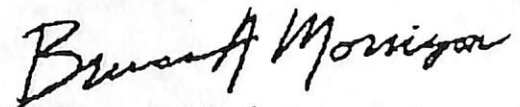
Mr President, your personal involvement may again be crucial in rejuvenating the peace process. Please urge the British government to rapidly commence all-party talks. Those talks, in addition to discussing methods of achieving disarmament in Northern Ireland, should include:

- *Prisoner releases*, which affect thousands of families on both sides in Northern Ireland.
- *Reforms of the police*. The overwhelmingly Protestant RUC is perceived as a sectarian force by Northern nationalists. There must be progress towards a community police force acceptable to all sides.
- *Repeal of repressive legislation*. Both communities have a right to parity of esteem and equality of treatment as envisaged in the Downing Street Declaration and Framework Document.

On August 31, 1995 one year will have elapsed since the IRA ceasefire. The loyalist ceasefires followed some weeks later. Yet many in Northern Ireland see little progress on the real issues that affect their lives.

It is urgent that you seek to overcome the deepening stalemate, Mr. President. Your firm and visionary leadership and your insistence that all sides take risks for peace are needed once again.

Sincerely,



Bruce A. Morrison  
Chair