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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS AT CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
CITY HALL, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND
NOVEMBER 30, 1995

Presidential Remarks: Christmas Tree
Lighting, City Hall, Belfast,
Northern Ireland, United Kingdom,
Nov 30 '95

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS AT CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
CITY HALL, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND
NOVEMBER 30, 1995

Acknowledgments: The Lord Mayor of Belfast, Eric Smyth

Ladies and gentlemen, ~~I have been in politics for a long time~~ ^{many times} I have run for election in my
home state of Arkansas and ^{of course} throughout the United States when I sought the Presidency -- and I
have faced some tough competition. But never have I confronted challengers with the name
recognition, the media savvy, and the martial arts ability of the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers.
To all of you whose support enabled me to join you tonight, I extend my heartfelt thanks.

It is wonderful to be with all of you tonight and to celebrate the season together. I understand the
city of Belfast has held a Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony for more than 20 years -- but this
year the occasion is especially joyous, because you are entering your second Christmas of peace.

Now people can do their holiday shopping without worrying about searches or bombs. They can
visit their loved ones on the other side of the border without the burden of checkpoints or
roadblocks. They can enjoy the sparkling lights of the city without fearing the specter of violence.
Peace has brought real change to people's lives.

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Across the ocean, the American people are rejoicing along with you. Northern Ireland and the United States are joined by strong ties of community, commerce, and culture. Over the years, men and women of both traditions have flourished in America and helped America to flourish.

In this 50th anniversary year of the end of World War II, many Americans still remember the warmth you showed the American Army forces that were stationed here under General Eisenhower. Today it is my privilege to rededicate a plaque laid in 1945, when General Eisenhower returned to Belfast to be awarded the freedom of the city.

General Eisenhower viewed the honor bestowed on him "as a token of our common purpose to work together for a better world." That mission endures today. We remain partners for security, partners for prosperity, and, most important, partners for peace.

Two years ago, at this very spot, tens of thousands of you took part in a day for peace, as a response to some of the worst violence Northern Ireland had known in recent years. The two morning newspapers, representing both traditions, sponsored a telephone poll for peace that generated almost 160,000 calls -- the equivalent of 25 million calls in the United States. The response left no doubt that across Northern Ireland, the desire for peace was becoming a demand.

I am honored to announce today that those same two newspapers -- *The News Letter* and *The Irish News* -- have established the President's Prize, an annual award to those at the grassroots level who have contributed most to peace and reconciliation. The honorees will travel to the

United States to exchange experiences on issues we share -- such as community relations and conflict resolution. We all have much to learn from one another.

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The President's Prize will underscore that Northern Ireland's two traditions have a common interest in peace. It will symbolize the bonds between Northern Ireland and the United States -- not least that fully one quarter of America's presidents had roots in this soil. And I hope it will remind us that by coming together tonight, we have taken another step toward the peace that can and should be our legacy to the children of Northern Ireland and the world this Christmas.

As many of you may know, I have received thousands of letters from schoolchildren from all over Northern Ireland, telling me what peace means to them. The letters poured in from villages and cities, from Catholic communities and Protestant communities, from mixed schools, primary schools, and schools for children with special needs. All of the letters were wonderful -- for their honesty, their ^{simple wisdom?} maturity, and their passion.

Many of the children showed tremendous pride in their homeland -- in its beauty, and in its true nature. Eleven year-old Keith from Carrickfergus wrote: "Please tell everyone in America that we are not always fighting here and that it is only a small number of people who make trouble...." Like many of the children, Keith did not identify himself as Protestant or Catholic, and did not distinguish between violent forces on either side.

So many children told me of loved ones they had lost -- of lives disrupted, opportunities forsaken, and families forced to move. Yet they showed remarkable courage and strength -- and a commitment to overcome the past. As 14 year-old Sharon of County Armagh [ar-MAH] wrote, "Both sides have been hurt, both sides must forgive."

[announce two winners here?]

Despite the extraordinary hardships so many of these children have faced, their letters were full of hope and humor and love.

To all of you who took the time to share your thoughts with me, thank you for brightening my holiday season with your words of faith and courage.

To all of you who asked me to do what I could to help the peace take root, I pledge America's support. We will continue to stand with those who take risks for peace. We will work with you to give all of Northern Ireland's children the chance to make the most of their God-given potential.

And to 13 year-old Ryan of Belfast, if you're out there: No, an alien spacecraft did not crash in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. And if the U.S. Air Force recovered alien bodies and didn't tell anyone about it, it's news to me.

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- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

DATE-TIME	20 November 95 12:20
FROM	Showalter, Victoria A.
CLASSIFICATION	UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT	Xmas tree lighting draft [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO	Benjamin, Daniel Blinken, Antony J.
CARBON_COPY	NO CC's on THIS MESSAGE
TEXT_BODY	<p>Ho ho ho...</p> <p>[[XMAS.DOC : 3135 in XMAS.DOC]]</p>
ATTACHMENT FILE DATE	20 November 95 12:19
ATTACHMENT FILE NAME	<p>XMAS.DOC</p> <p>PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON REMARKS AT CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CITY HALL, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND NOVEMBER 30, 1995</p> <p>Acknowledgments: The Lord Mayor of Belfast, Eric Smyth</p> <p>Ladies and gentlemen, I have been in politics all my life. I have run for election at the state level, the national level, and ultimately for America's highest office. I have faced some tough competition an d been put through some difficult races. But never have I confronted challengers with the name recognition, the media savvy, and the martial arts ability of the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers. To all of you whose suppo rt enabled me to join you</p>

would like to see my country grow and become a nation people
looked up to as friendly and hard working. I
would like to be proud to say 'I come from Northern Ireland.'"

And many of the children expressed their willingness -- indeed, their
sense of obligation -- to do their part to help
the peace process succeed. As Richard (b)(6) of Omagh
explained, "We have been
given a unique chance
to bury our bitterness, our hate and spite.... Time may not heal the
pain and mistrust
that we have suffered over 25
years of bloodshed, but it is our duty to work together to make certain
the next generation will not re-suffer our
pain."

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Despite the extraordinary hardships so many of these children had
faced, their letters
were full of hope and humor
and love. To all of you who took the time to share your thoughts with
me, thank you
for your wonderful insights.

To all of you who asked me to do what I could to help the peace take
root, I pledge
to you that America will
continue to stand with the peacemakers. We will work with you to
create good jobs and
bright opportunities for
all of Northern Ireland's people. We will not let you down.

And to 13 year-old Ryan (b)(6) of Belfast, if you're out there: No, an
alien spacecraft
did not crash in Roswell,
New Mexico in 1947. And if the U.S. Air Force recovered alien
bodies and mounted a
cover-up, it's news to me.

Ladies and gentlemen, citizens of Belfast, friends of my country and
the American people

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MS Mail

DATE-TIME	20 November 95 17:59
FROM	Showalter, Victoria A.
CLASSIFICATION	UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT	Christmas Tree Lighting, Belfast [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO	Baker, Jane E. Baldwin, Kenneth Bass, Peter E. Blinken, Antony J. Cicio, Kristen K. Dohse, Fred J. Gray, Wendy Hall, Wilma G. Harmon, Joyce A. Joshi, M. Kay Kessinger, Jodi Millison, Cathy L. Peters, Mary A. Sens, Andrew D. Veit, Katherine M. Wiley, Mary C.
CARBON_COPY	NO CC's on THIS MESSAGE
TEXT_BODY	Attached is a draft of the Xmas tree lighting in Belfast. comments to Vinca please. Thanks! [[XMAS.DOC : 4633 in XMAS.DOC]]
ATTACHMENT FILE DATE	20 November 95 17:58
ATTACHMENT FILE NAME	XMAS.DOC PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON REMARKS AT CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CITY HALL, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND NOVEMBER 30 1995

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And to 13 year-old Ryan (b)(6) of Belfast, if you're out there: No, an alien spacecraft did not crash in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. And if the U.S. Air Force recovered alien bodies and didn't tell anyone about it, it's news to me.

Ladies and gentlemen, citizens of Belfast, friends of my country and the American people: Let the Christmas message of peace and goodwill flourish and grow in your land. Let the lights on the tree that we celebrate tonight symbolize the kindling of hope in our hearts for a bright and peaceful future for Northern Ireland.

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DATE-TIME 20 November 95 19:54
FROM Veit, Katherine M.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: Christmas Tree Lighting, Belfast [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Showalter, Victoria A.

CARBON_COPY Baker, Jane E.
Baldwin, Kenneth
Bass, Peter E.
Blinken, Antony J.
Cicio, Kristen K.
Gray, Wendy
Hall, Wilma G.
Joshi, M. Kay
Kessinger, Jodi
Millison, Cathy L.
Peters, Mary A.

TEXT_BODY

Sandy Berger has read and made no edits.

From: Showalter, Victoria A.
To: Blinken, Antony J.; Peters, Mary A.; Lake, W. Anthony; Berger, Samuel;
@NSA - Nat'l Security Advisor; Soderberg, Nancy E.
CC: /R, Record at A1
Subject: Christmas Tree Lighting, Belfast [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, November 20, 1995 05:59 PM

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DATE-TIME 21 November 95 10:36

FROM Blinken, Antony J.

CLASSIFICATION ***** CLASSIFICATION NOT FOUND *****

SUBJECT RE: Note from NES re: Christmas Tree Lighting, Belfast

TO Benjamin, Daniel
Blinken, Antony J.
Kessinger, Jodi
Showalter, Victoria A.

CARBON_COPY Baker, Jane E.
Baldwin, Kenneth
Gray, Wendy
Hilliard, Brenda I.
Joshi, M. Kay
Millison, Cathy L.

TEXT_BODY

I think the space alien is wonderful and we urge we keep it in the draft.
Blinken

From: Kessinger, Jodi
To: @SPEECH - NSC Speechwriters
CC: /R, Record at A1; @CROSS - Cross Hatches
Subject: Note from NES re: Christmas Tree Lighting, Belfast [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, November 21, 1995 10:29 AM

Vinca -

I'd cut the President's prize a bit, quote only 2 kids, cut the space alien's line (doesn't quite work) and add more of a message of hope at this time of peace. He should close on a Christmas note, perhaps a quote from the Bible. I'd add more of how life is normal.

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MS Mail

DATE-TIME	21 November 95 14:41
FROM	Showalter, Victoria A.
CLASSIFICATION	UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT	Revised Xmas Tree Lighting [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO	<p>Baker, Jane E. Baldwin, Kenneth Bass, Peter E. Benjamin, Daniel Blinken, Antony J. Cicio, Kristen K. Dohse, Fred J. Gray, Wendy Hall, Wilma G. Harmon, Joyce A. Joshi, M. Kay Kessinger, Jodi Millison, Cathy L. Peters, Mary A. Schuker, Jill A. Sens, Andrew D. Showalter, Victoria A. Veit, Katherine M. Wiley, Mary C.</p>
CARBON_COPY	NO CC's on THIS MESSAGE
TEXT_BODY	<p>Per Nancy Soderberg's suggestions, I have shortened the section on the President's prize, cut back the quotes from kids' letters, added more on the benefits of peace, and closed on a Christmas note with a quote from the Bible. This draft also reflects the comments Tony Lake made this morning.</p> <p>I decided not to use the children's last names in the speech, for fear of giving them unwanted attention. Kathy Stephens agrees.</p> <p>Thanks to all for your help -- Vinca.</p>

children, Kevin did not identify himself as Protestant or Catholic, and did not distinguish between violent forces on either side.

So many children told me of loved ones they had lost -- of lives disrupted, opportunities forsaken, and families forced to move. Yet they showed remarkable courage and strength -- and a commitment to overcome the past.

As 14 year-old Sharon of County Armagh [ar-MAH] wrote, "Both sides have been hurt, both sides must forgive."

Many of the children shared their hopes for the future, like 13 year-old Grainne [GRON-yeh]. "I would like to see my country grow and become a nation people looked up to as friendly and hard working," she wrote. "I would like to be proud to say 'I come from Northern Ireland.'"

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Despite the extraordinary hardships so many of these children have faced, their letters were full of hope and humor and love.

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And to 13 year-old Ryan of Belfast if you're out there: No an alien

spacecraft did not crash in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. And if the U.S. Air Force recovered alien bodies and didn't tell anyone about it, it's news to me.

Ladies and gentlemen, citizens of Belfast, friends of my country and the American people: May the Christmas spirit of peace and goodwill flourish and grow in your land. May the prophecy of Isaiah be realized here:

"...ye shall go out with joy and be led forward with peace: The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

And may the lights on the tree that we celebrate tonight reflect the kindling of hope and faith in our hearts for a peaceful Northern Ireland.

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DATE-TIME 21 November 95 19:46
FROM Showalter, Victoria A.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Xmas tree lighting [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Baker, Jane E.
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Benjamin, Daniel
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Cicio, Kristen K.
Gray, Wendy
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Peters, Mary A.
Showalter, Victoria A.
Veit, Katherine M.
Wiley, Mary C.

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TEXT_BODY

Per Tony Lake, I have deleted one more of the children's letters... revised version attached.

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21 November 95 19:25

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS AT CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
CITY HALL, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND
NOVEMBER 30, 1995

Acknowledgments: The Lord Mayor of Belfast, Eric Smyth

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MS Mail

DATE-TIME 27 November 95 09:10
FROM Showalter, Victoria A.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Belfast drafts [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO Baker, Jane E.
Baldwin, Kenneth
Bass, Peter E.
Benjamin, Daniel
Blinken, Antony J.
Cicio, Kristen K.
Dohse, Fred J.
Gray, Wendy
Hall, Wilma G.
Harmon, Joyce A.
Joshi, M. Kay
Kessinger, Jodi
Millison, Cathy L.
Sens, Andrew D.
Showalter, Victoria A.
Veit, Katherine M.
Wiley, Mary C.

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TEXT_BODY

These are the latest versions of both... only minor changes since we passed the drafts to the President on Wednesday.

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ATTACHMENT
FILE DATE 25 November 95 13:41

ATTACHMENT
FILE NAME MACKIE5.DOC

11/25/95 2 pm
PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS AT MACKIE'S PLANT
BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND
NOVEMBER 30, 1995

[Acknowledgments]

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DATE-TIME 28 November 95 16:56
FROM Showalter, Victoria A.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Sorry... [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Benjamin, Daniel
Blinken, Antony J.
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TEXT_BODY

Sorry Tony -- I realize looking at the disks that you didn't have my latest Belfast drafts. I am attaching them here; I have already put them on my disk. again, apologies. VS.

[[MACKIE6.DOC : 4106 in MACKIE6.DOC]][[XMAS3.DOC : 4107 in XMAS3.DOC]]

ATTACHMENT
FILE DATE

28 November 95 12:47

ATTACHMENT
FILE NAME

MACKIE6.DOC

11/28/95 1pm
PRESIDENT WILLIAM J. CLINTON
REMARKS AT MACKIE'S PLANT
BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND
NOVEMBER 30, 1995

[Acknowledgments]

It is good to be among the people of Northern Ireland, who have given so much to America and the world. One in four of America's Presidents can trace his roots to Ireland's shores -- from Andrew Jackson, the son of immigrants from Carrickfergus, to John Fitzgerald Kennedy, whose forbears came from County Wexford. I may be the latest in this time-honored tradition -- but I am the first to make it back to Belfast. Thank you for a wonderful homecoming.

Around the world, the promise of peace is closer today than ever. The barriers

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 letters were full of hope and humor
 and love.

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 American people: May the Christmas
 spirit of peace and goodwill flourish and grow in your land. May we "Lay hold
 upon
 the hope set before us:
 which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." (Hebrews
 6:1
 8b-19)

And may the lights on the tree that we celebrate tonight reflect the kindling of faith
 and resolve in our hearts for a
 peaceful Northern Ireland.

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Alternate Bible quote/end:

May the prophecy of Isaiah be realized here: "...ye shall go out with joy and be led
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 mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees
 of the field shall clap their hands."

And may the lights on the tree that we celebrate tonight reflect the kindling of
 hope

M S M a i l

DATE-TIME 30 November 95 18:57
FROM Wozniak, Natalie S.
CLASSIFICATION ***** CLASSIFICATION NOT FOUND *****
SUBJECT Belfast: RBTP and FL at Lighting of City Christmas Tree
TO
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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AND THE FIRST LADY
AT THE LIGHTING OF THE CITY
CHRISTMAS TREE

Belfast City Hall
Belfast, Northern Ireland

7:36 P.M. (L)

As you know -- and as the First Lady said -- I have received thousands of letters from school children all over your remarkable land telling me what peace means to them. They poured in from villages and cities, from Catholic and Protestant communities, from mixed schools, primary schools, from schools for children with

special needs. All the letters in their own way were truly wonderful for their honesty, their simple wisdom and their passion. Many of the children showed tremendous pride in their homeland, in its beauty and its true nature. I congratulate the winners. They were wonderful and I loved hearing their letters.

But let me tell you about another couple I received. Eleven-year-old Keith from Carrickfergus wrote: "Please tell everyone in America that we're not always fighting here, and that it's only a small number of people who make the trouble." Like many of the children, Keith did not identify himself as Protestant or Catholic, and did not distinguish between the sources of the violence.

So many children told me of loved ones they have lost, of lives disrupted and opportunities forsaken and families forced to move. Yet, they showed remarkable courage and strength and a commitment to overcome the past. As 14-year-old Sharon of County Armagh wrote: "Both sides have been hurt. Both sides must forgive."

Despite the extraordinary hardships so many of these children have faced, their letters were full of hope and love and humor. To all of you who took the time to write me, you've brightened my holiday season with your words of faith and courage, and I thank you. To all of you who asked me to do what I could to help peace take root, I pledge you America's support. We will stand with you as you take risks for peace. (Applause.)

And to all of you who have not lost your sense of humor, I say thank you. I got a letter from 13-year-old Ryan from Belfast. Now, Ryan, if you're out in the crowd tonight, here's the answer to your question. No, as far as I know, an alien spacecraft did not crash in Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947. (Laughter.) And, Ryan, if the United States Air Force did recover alien bodies, they didn't tell me about it, either, and I want to know. (Applause.)

Ladies and gentlemen, this day that Hillary and I have had here in Belfast and in Derry and Londonderry County will long be with us -- (applause) -- as one of the most remarkable days of our lives. I leave you with these thoughts. May the Christmas spirit of peace and goodwill flourish and grow in you. May you remember the words of the Lord Mayor: "This is Christmas. We celebrate the world in a new way because of the birth of Emmanuel; God with us." And when God was with us, he said no words more important than

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DATE-TIME 21 November 95 10:43
FROM Showalter, Victoria A.
CLASSIFICATION ***** CLASSIFICATION NOT FOUND *****
SUBJECT RE: Note from NES re: Christmas Tree Lighting, Belfast
TO Benjamin, Daniel
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No... but I'm told that Amelia Earhart landed in Derry once.

From: Benjamin, Daniel
To: Showalter, Victoria A.
CC: /N, NonRecord at A1
Subject: RE: Note from NES re: Christmas Tree Lighting, Belfast
[UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, November 21, 1995 10:41 AM

Were there any Elvis sightings? That might work better.

From: Blinken, Antony J.
To: Kessinger, Jodi; @SPEECH - NSC Speechwriters
CC: /N, NonRecord at A1; /R, Record at A1; @CROSS - Cross Hatches
Subject: RE: Note from NES re: Christmas Tree Lighting, Belfast
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Subject: Note from NES re: Christmas Tree Lighting, Belfast [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, November 21, 1995 10:29 AM

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DATE-TIME 22 November 95 12:06
FROM Kessinger, Jodi
CLASSIFICATION ***** CLASSIFICATION NOT FOUND *****
SUBJECT Another note from NES re: Note from NES re: Christmas Tree
TO Blinken, Antony J.
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Tony -

Ooh! If you think it will work... Let's raise it with TL.

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From: Showalter, Victoria A.
To: Blinken, Antony J.; Peters, Mary A.; Lake, W. Anthony; Berger, Samuel;
@NSA - Nat'l Security Advisor; Soderberg, Nancy E.
CC: /R, Record at A1
Subject: Christmas Tree Lighting, Belfast [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, November 20, 1995 05:59 PM

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