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PAISLEY

1. JUDGE CLARK HAS TELEPHONED ME TO SAY THAT IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO DENY PAISLEY ENTRY TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS WAS BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT HAD DECIDED THAT TO ADMIT HIM WOULD BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH HIS POLICY OF RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT PARTIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND. THE INTENTION WAS TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN A LOW KEY.

Not true.

2. CLARK ALSO SAID THAT ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO LONDON MR PRIOR AND MR ATKINS HAD SAID THAT THEY DID NOT FEEL STRONGLY ON THE SUBJECT OF PAISLEY'S ADMISSION TO THE USA. I MENTION THIS BECAUSE THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY LEAK THIS.

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