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Dear Professor Smith

Dr Alderdice has asked that I send you the enclosed copy of a letter which he has written to Ms Nancy Soderberg, of the U.S. National Security Council, regarding the forthcoming visit to Northern Ireland of President Clinton.

Dr Alderdice will continue to do all he can to highlight the Springvale Campus proposals during the President's visit.

Yours sincerely

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**Councillor Dr. John Alderdice** M.R.C. Psych.  
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My ref:

Your ref: 12 October 1995,

Ms Nancy Soderberg,  
National Security Council,  
White House,  
WASHINGTON DC,  
USA.

Dear Nancy,

Further to our recent meeting, you may recall I mentioned that, unfortunately, I was not optimistic that many people here would value the significance of Andrew Jackson. On the front page of the Belfast Telegraph the very next day, there was a story about plans to visit the birthplace of Andrew Jackson. This, the main Northern Ireland newspaper, described him as Andrew 'Stonewall' Jackson! Our main newspaper did not know that 'Old Hickory' and Stonewall Jackson, were two entirely different people, albeit both with Northern Irish protestant ancestry. It is a sorry state of affairs, but there we are.

As I said, when we met, I think that an economic approach is best. I have been giving further thought to the precise place in East Belfast, and I suspect that making an appearance at Harland & Wolff Shipyard would be the most dramatic way of demonstrating a preparedness to address the needs of both sides, along with a speech on the Mackie's site. The latter is close to the possible Springvale Campus, and gives an opportunity to send a positive signal on that major, and very worthwhile project, which could be so important for the west of the city. The Vice-president mentioned the campus proposal at the Washington Conference, and a further mention by the President, at this time, and at the site, would be very helpful. Identifying with these two sites would be my advice.

On the general front, I continue to be encouraged. Even since your visit there have been some good developments on both sides, albeit, some of them behind the scenes. I hope that I will have some further good things to report when I am over again on 2 November.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John', with a long horizontal line extending to the right below it.

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