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BMI - Mr. George

I agree. Selling is one thing; personal delivery in AF planes is another. Moreover, if IRA activity grows, then issue of "leakages" may well arise. Tell PM to plug in on this one so Dept. is consulted.

SUBJECT: Military Sales to Ireland

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mixed metaphor

We appear to be drifting into a sales program with Ireland that has some implications. The contract is for approximately \$10 million of equipment to be purchased by the Army, and our DMO there is has sales issue attached, for instance a new departure for the Irish bought from our military sales

The Air Force is proposing to purchase equipment directly to Dublin, State Department has not been on any aspects of this program

It is not clear that we will have problems on this, though if we sell equipment to neutral Ireland it could cause a reaction in Ireland. Dublin proposal is very good and our DMO will look into this according trip to Dublin again to you later.

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TO: EUR - George S. Springsteen  
FROM: EUR/NE - Scott George  
SUBJECT: Military Sales to Ireland

We appear to be drifting into a military sales program with Ireland that might have some policy implications. Insofar as we can determine the Irish have recently signed contracts for approximately \$450,000 worth of equipment to be purchased from the U.S. Army, and our DAO there is busily promoting more sales (see attached, for instance). This is a new departure for the Irish who have never bought from our military sales program before.

The Air Force is proposing to fly some of this equipment directly to Dublin; apparently the State Department has not been consulted at all on any aspects of this program.

It is not clear that we will have any political problems on this, though USAF C-5's delivering equipment to neutral Ireland will undoubtedly cause a sensation in Ireland. Our POL in Dublin (Datus Proper) is worried about some implications. Bob DuBose will look into this matter during his upcoming trip to Dublin and we will report further to you later.

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*I agree delivery is no thing; personal vs another AF planes IAW activity more than some "defense" matters, y army. Tell me the no plug in on the no no Dept. is consulted. MJ*





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1. IRISH DEFENSE FORCES REQUEST INFORMATION FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ON AVAILABILITY AND BUDGETARY COST OF COMMUNICATION SECURITY EQUIPMENT TSEC/KY-38. IF POSSIBLE IDF WOULD LIKE OPERATOR AND MAINTENANCE MANUALS.

2. IDF WISHES TO PURCHASE MIN 1000 MAX 5000 COMBAT UNIFORM IE FIELD JACKET AND TROUSERS. COULD ONE BE MADE AVABLE THIS OFFICE FOR INSPECTION ASAP. HOW SOON COULD THEY BE DELIVERED?

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