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May 11, 2005

The Honorable Michael Chertoff
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20528

Re: Malachy McAllister

Dear Secretary Chertoff:

I am writing in regard to Malachy McAllister whose deportation case—along with that of his children, Nicola and Scan—is pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (Docket No. 03-4513).

My specific request is that, in the event the Third Circuit rules against Mr. McAllister and his family, you exercise your discretion and stay deportation proceedings against the McAllisters.

As set forth in the legal papers of Eamon Dorman, Esq. which I am enclosing herein, I believe that you have the authority to take such action and that such action should be exercised in the interest of justice and in furtherance of American foreign policy.

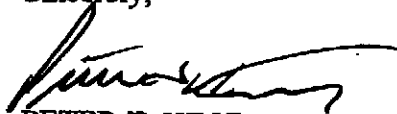
I am also making this request to you because of my personal knowledge of Mr. McAllister who has lived in this country for more than nine years and has proven himself to be absolutely no threat whatever to this country. Indeed, Mr. McAllister has been a strong proponent of the Irish Peace Process which is in accordance with the policies of the Bush and Clinton Administrations.

There is the added humanitarian factor that Mr. McAllister and his family were forced to flee Northern Ireland in 1988 after loyalist paramilitaries fired 26 shots into his Belfast home. If they are deported from the United States, the McAllister family is likely to face the life-threatening danger that they escaped from years ago.

Based upon the foregoing, I respectfully request that you consider exercising your discretion to stay deportation proceedings against the McAllisters in the event the Third Circuit ruling is adverse to them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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