RESOLUTION

Whereas, on June 6, 1919 and again on June 10, 1920, the United States Senate adopted resolutions favoring self-determination for the people of Ireland and the House of Representatives in the 65th Congress (1919), Third Session, adopted a House Joint Resolution declaring that the people of Ireland should have the right to determine the form of government under which they desire to live, all of which action was influential in securing freedom for twenty-six of the thirty-two counties in Ireland; and

Whereas, the maintenance of internal peace and security requires settlement of the question of the unification of Ireland; and

Whereas, twenty-six of the thirty-two counties of Ireland have been successful in securing international recognition for the Republic of Ireland which has as its basic law a constitution modeled upon our own American Constitution; and

Whereas, on the fourteenth day of December, 1955, the United Nations by appropriate action admitted the Republic of Ireland into full membership into the United Nations with all the duties and responsibilities which go with such membership: Now therefore be it

Resolved That it is the sense of the Senate that the Republic of Ireland should embrace the entire territory of Ireland unless a clear majority of all of the people of Ireland in a free plebiscite determine and declare to the contrary.
MEMO TO JCCE

FROM      BILL BRUINS

RE: S.RES. 21

I am inclined to the belief that this resolution is an unjustifiable interference (by the wrong branch of the U.S. Government) into the relations between other states, i.e. Ireland and Great Britain.

Particularly in view of the upcoming negotiations on the top level with the British, I think there is no sense in influencing the already sensitive British press and public opinion.

If, on the other hand, you feel that the Senator's support of this bill would attract enough of the Irish vote in New York City in '56, that would not normally vote democratic, you may be justified in urging him to go along with Dirksen.