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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dublin, Ireland

November 15, 1988

Hon. Charles J. Haughey  
Taoiseach  
Government Buildings  
Upper Merrion St.  
Dublin

*MR. Nally*

*For suitable reply pl.*

*We have sent the original  
to the Taoiseach*

*Austello*

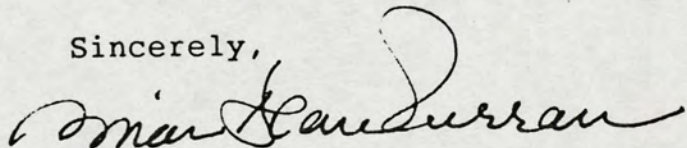
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*cc: DiBausey (*

Dear Taoiseach:

I am pleased to enclose the text of a letter from President Reagan regarding the third anniversary of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. Although the White House has no plans to release the text of the letter, there is no objection to the Government of Ireland doing so.

Sincerely,



Brian Dean Curran  
Charge d'Affaires, a.i.

Enclosure - as stated

"Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

"On November 15, the UK and Ireland will observe the third anniversary of the Anglo-Irish Agreement and begin a mandated review of the working of the intergovernmental conference. I should like to take this occasion to salute the courageous efforts which both governments and people of good will on both sides are making to deal constructively and realistically with very difficult problems and offer you our encouragement and support for the future. The United States remains a firm supporter of the Agreement and the International Fund for Ireland and their objectives of promoting economic and social advance and encouraging reconciliation.

"From the beginning, the United States has supported the Agreement and the Fund which we believed would enhance cooperation between British and Irish officials who were working for the benefit of the people of Ireland and Northern Ireland. The United States contributed \$120 million to the Fund during its first three years and will make an additional contribution in 1989.

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"America's confidence in the Agreement and the Fund has been justified. The Agreement has facilitated the efforts of Ireland and the UK to promote justice, stability, prosperity, and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. The Agreement has been especially effective in promoting cooperation between the British and Irish governments in their efforts to eliminate discrimination and to combat terrorism. The International Fund is working effectively to create jobs and promote reconciliation projects.

"As you begin the review, you will have a special opportunity to reflect on the solid accomplishments of the Agreement to date which have been made against difficult odds and strong opposition. You will also be able to consider how it can be used to further improve the quality of life for the people of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Progress in dealing with this issue has often been slow, but the seriousness of the problems compel all of us, particularly those in the United States with strong friendships and ties to both Ireland and the United Kingdom, to help and support your efforts.

"Sincerely yours,

"Ronald Reagan"

Dear Mr. President

I was very pleased to receive your letter marking the third anniversary of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

The Government greatly appreciate the depth of interest that you personally, your Administration, and the United States Congress have shown in Irish issues and, in particular, your concern for a resolution of the problems of Northern Ireland. You have demonstrated your commitment in positive and practical ways - such as the generosity of the United States' contribution to the International Fund - which will not be forgotten by the people of this island.

The Reagan years in the White House will be remembered for many distinguished achievements. We in Ireland are especially appreciative of the further strengthening of the unique relations between our two countries which took place during your Presidency. It was our good fortune during the past eight years to have a friend and kinsman occupy the highest office in the most powerful country in the Western world. Our warmest wishes will go with you as you leave office in January, as well as our assurance that you and Mrs. Reagan will always be warmly welcome on a return visit to Ireland.

Yours sincerely

Charles J. Haughey, T. D.,  
Taoiseach.

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