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THE PRIME MINISTER

19 May 1975

My dear Taoiseach,

Thank you for your personal message which Ambassador O'Sullivan delivered on 5 May.

We certainly attach great importance to the success of the Convention; and we welcome your good wishes and your assurance of support for its work. But we are well aware that, despite the efforts of all those who wish it well, it may not succeed. If it fails, there may be damaging consequences. We do not exclude the possibility of a renewed threat to the maintenance of essential services; to which you refer. For such a pattern to repeat itself will require a strong unifying cause. As your message implies, the responsibility for deciding how to deal with any such situation lies with us, and I can assure you that it is being taken into account in our planning.

Yours,

Harold Wilson

His Excellency Mr. Liam Cosgrave, TD.