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The following is the text of a message sent  
by the Taoiseach to the Garda Commissioner:-

I wish to convey the congratulations and appreciation of the Government to the Garda Síochána for the excellent manner in which all of you pursued the investigations and the subsequent operations which culminated in the release of Dr. Herrema.

I know your greatest reward for this work is the safe return of Dr. Herrema from his terrible ordeal. It is an achievement shared by the entire force, an achievement of which every member can feel justly proud. The people of this country will respond to it with admiration and pride.

I know that it would be the wish of the Garda Síochána that I should also thank the general public for the wholehearted support given in every aspect of Garda activity since the kidnapping of Dr. Herrema 36 days ago.

7 November, 1975