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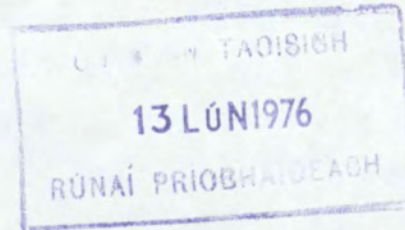
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11th August 1976

Private Secretary to the
Taoiseach.



Dear Private Secretary,

The Minister has asked me to forward you the attached copy letter to Dr. FitzGerald from Mr. Brian Cubbon who is being flown today to a hospital in England.

The Minister would be grateful if you would bring it to the Taoiseach's attention.

Yours sincerely,

Declan O'Donovan

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Private Secretary



St. Vincent's Nursing Home
Dublin.

11 August 1976.

My dear Minister,

Today I fly back to England to
a hospital nearer my family. Before I
leave Ireland I want you to know how
deeply I have appreciated the warm
personal concern and sympathy which you
have shown for me, and for my wife,
since the ghastly incident of 21 July.
Thank you very much indeed.

St. Vincent's, both hospital and
nursing home, has been absolutely



marvellous. Your country must feel very
proud to have a tradition of such splendid
establishments. The doctors, led by Mr.
Joe McMullin & Mr. Jim Sheehan, have
looked after me with every skill and
consideration; the sisters and nurses have
been kind and attentive in every
possible way.

With care, I should be virtually
fit to return to work before the end
of October. I shall then have to
steady myself to reenter a Northern
Ireland office which is still desolated —
as I am personally — by the awful



loss of Judith Cook. Your words on 28 July, about Judith & also about poor Christopher, caught our feelings exactly, and my Department is grateful to you for them. The violent men who contrive and carry out these attacks are a terrible threat to both our countries; and a common enemy.

No doubt I shall soon find myself concerned again with you and your officials in the minutiae of questions about particular incidents, overflights, explosives etc. I realise the presentational and local problems involved, and no doubt there will be



Some details on which we shall continue to disagree. But in our hearts we both know that the true test is whether our two countries are in reality co-operating to the fullest possible degree on the ground against our ruthless common enemy.

With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Brian Cribben.

Dr. Garret FitzGerald, T.D.