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PERMANENT MISSION OF
IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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6th October 1977

Dear Governor,

At the conclusion of this, my first visit to New York as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland, I wish to place on record my thanks for the hospitality of your great State, and to you personally my appreciation of the interest you have taken to ensure that our stay here was memorable. In particular, I wish to say how much I valued our meeting on Sunday last.

I am grateful to you and to the Irish-American community for the support which you have given to the Irish Government in its efforts to establish a modern and just community. We look to the Irish-American public as we do to our public at home to support our positive economic and political programmes. I have been very encouraged this week to note that the Irish-American community are of the same mind as the Irish people who have recently given my Government an overwhelming mandate to implement those programmes. Obviously, we are opposed to violence from whatever source and no self-appointed group, whether at home or abroad, should be allowed to thwart the mandate we have been given. We look forward in implementing our programmes to working closely with democratically elected representatives.

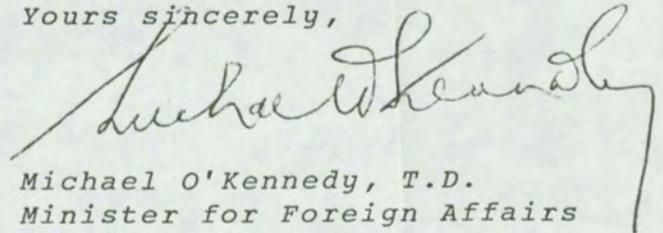
In this context I wish to say how grateful we are for the role played by elected political leaders, notably Speaker O'Neill, Senators Kennedy and Moynihan and your good self in bringing about President Carter's statement on Ireland. It has been of great assistance to the British Government and ourselves in our efforts to improve the economic aspects of the problem which, in turn, would contribute a great deal to creating the conditions for political stability. Your own role, based as it is on an intimate knowledge of the current situation in Ireland, was particularly valuable, and I hope that more and more political and other leaders in the United States will find it possible to support your efforts which are deeply appreciated by the Irish people.

I will bring back with me to Ireland very happy memories of my visit here and a deep appreciation of the encouragement and support given to me by you and the Irish-American community. It is only by moving forward with a united purpose that we can achieve what you and the Irish Government are committed to, the unity of the Irish people by peaceful means, by consent and under agreed negotiated structures.

It is my hope that you and your family will soon again find time to visit Ireland, and I look forward to seeing you in Dublin in the very near future.

I remain, with warmest regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael O'Kennedy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Michael O'Kennedy, T.D.
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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DINNER AT NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB, 180 CENTRAL PARK SOUTH,
COLONIAL ROOM (12th floor), SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 - 8:00 p.m.

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