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JOINT ST. PATRICK'S DAY APPEAL FOR PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

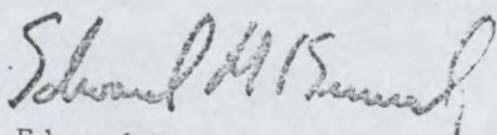
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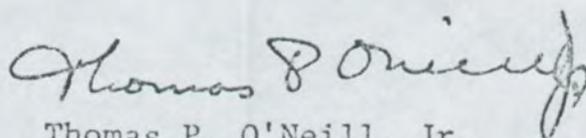
The world has looked with increasing concern over the past eight years on the continuing tragedy that afflicts the people of Northern Ireland. Each of us has tried in the past to use our good offices to help see that the underlying injustices at the heart of the Northern Ireland tragedy are ended, so that a just and peaceful settlement may be secured.

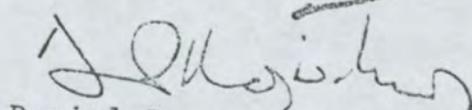
It is evident to us, as it is to concerned people everywhere, that continued violence cannot assist the achievement of such a settlement, but can only exacerbate the wounds that divide the people of Northern Ireland.

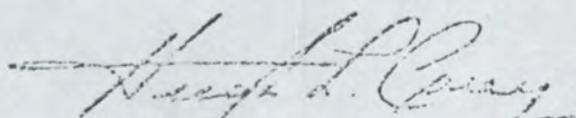
We therefore join together in this appeal, which we make in a spirit of compassion and concern for the suffering people in the troubled part of Ireland. We appeal to all those organizations engaged in violence to renounce their campaigns of death and destruction and return to the path of life and peace. And we appeal as well to our fellow Americans to embrace this goal of peace, and to renounce any action that promotes the current violence or provides support or encouragement for organizations engaged in violence.

We make this appeal on St. Patrick's Day 1977, a day on which Irish peoples of all traditions everywhere should feel proud to rejoice in our common heritage, and a year in which peace should come at last to Northern Ireland.


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