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cc Mr. O'Donnell  
Mr. O'Brien  
SWIFT  
Miss Joyce

TO HQ FROM WASHINGTON  
FOR SWIFT FROM LILLIS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENATOR KENNEDY SENT TODAY TO  
B. WILLIAMS AND M. CORRIGAN.

OCTOBER 11, 1977

BETTY WILLIAMS AND MAIREAD CORRIGAN  
8 UPPER CRESCENT  
BELFAST 7, NORTHERN IRELAND

I SEND MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH FOR THE GREAT HONOR  
YOU HAVE RECEIVED IN WINNING THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

MORE THAN ANY OTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE EIGHT TRAGIC YEARS OF THE  
VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND, THE MOVEMENT YOU LAUNCHED HAS  
DEMONSTRATED THE TREMENDOUS DESIRE FOR PEACE BY THE VAST MAJORITY  
OF ORDINARY CITIZENS IN NORTHERN IRELAND, CATHOLICS AND  
PROTESTANTS ALIKE. YOUR SPONTANEOUS CRY FOR PEACE STRUCK A  
RESPONSIVE CHORD IN THE HEARTS OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE  
IN NORTHERN IRELAND, AND HAS WON THE SUPPORT OF MILLIONS IN  
OTHER LANDS. YOUR WORK IS A REMARKABLE TESTAMENT TO THE POWER  
OF INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEINGS, ACTING TOGETHER, TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN THE WORLD AROUND THEM.

MAY THE HONOR YOU HAVE RECEIVED BRING A RENEWAL OF EFFORTS TO END  
THE VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND TO ACHIEVE THE PEACE YOU  
HAVE SO ELOQUENTLY TRIED TO REACH. MY HOPES AND PRAYERS AND  
CONGRATULATIONS ARE WITH YOU AS THE SEARCH FOR PEACE GOES ON.

EDWARD M. KENNEDY  
U. S. SENATE

END OF MESSAGE  
OCTOBER 11, 1977  
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