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An Taoiseach
Mr Jack Lynch TD
Office of the Taoiseach
Upper Merrion Street
Dublin 2

re: Kiltyclogher, Co. Leitrim

Dear Taoiseach :

I will be attending a Cumann Meeting of the above Club on Sunday next and, amongst items that will inevitably arise, will be the blasting of the bridge between Leitrim and Fermanagh which resulted in considerable damage which has not yet been repaired or compensated for.

There is a very strong feeling in the area about this matter and the Department of Foreign Affairs have clearly indicated by letter to me the method by which claims should be pursued.

Shortly after the blowing up of the bridge by British army authorities many local people gathered in the area, including Solicitors and others who were aware of the law - or should have been, at any rate - regarding malicious damage.

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There is also a most damaging rumour circulating which I have been asked to confirm or deny, which I have, of course, consistently denied. This is to the effect that the former Government agreed with the British army and the Northern Secretary of State that the

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bridge be removed. Please understand that this purely hearsay and there is no evidence that I can ascertain from anyone, although some sources of the rumour are by and large considered reliable people.

I am having this letter delivered by hand since I am anxious for your comments before the weekend, but I will endeavour to see you before then in any event, even though I realise that you may be otherwise engaged.

Yours sincerely

James Gallagher TD

BY HAND