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29 February, 1980.

Senator Edward Kennedy,
2241 Dirksen Senate Office Building,
Washington D.C.,
U.S.A.

Dear Senator Kennedy,

In your kind message of congratulations on my appointment as Taoiseach, you expressed the wish that we should work closely together towards a solution of the problem of Northern Ireland.

I am taking this opportunity of sending you a copy of my address to the Annual Conference of my Party, in which I outlined our policy.

In making progress, we hope to have the assistance of friends of Ireland in other countries. The Government and I greatly value the contribution you and the other U.S. leaders have made towards making people aware of the nature of the problem, and of the real need there is to bring about the unity of our country and people, in peace and by agreement.

Our Minister for Foreign Affairs, Brian Lenihan, will be in the States in March and I am asking him to contact you, if possible, so that he can explain our policies further and give you any other information you may wish to have on the current situation.

With warm personal greetings,

Yours sincerely,