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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 6, 1981

Dear Mr. Dougherty:

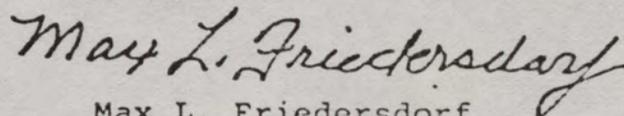
This is to acknowledge and thank you for your August 3 letter, cosigned by several of your colleagues in both the House and Senate, requesting to meet with the President on the current situation in Northern Ireland.

Please know that I have brought this request to the immediate attention of the President's Scheduling Office for every consideration. The appropriate staff on the National Security Council has also been advised of your concerns in this matter, and I can assure you that your views will be carefully studied.

We appreciate your interest in contacting us with regard to the very serious issues affecting the people of Northern Ireland.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,



Max L. Friedersdorf
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The Honorable Charles F. Dougherty
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