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BY HAND - URGENT

The Secretary,
Office of An Taoiseach,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

May 21st 1988

A Chara,

We should be most grateful if you would bring the enclosed letter to the attention of An Taoiseach as a matter of urgency.

Is mise,

MRS ELIZABETH SAVAGE,

(on behalf of the families of Mairead Farrell, Dan McCann and Sean Savage),

14 Downfine Gardens,

Belfast BT11 8NT.

An Taoiseach,
Charles J. Haughey TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

May 18th 1988

An Taoiseach,

As the families of the three Irish citizens - Mairead Farrell, Dan McCann and Sean Savage - shot dead by the British Army's Special Air Service in the British colony of Gibraltar on March 6th 1988, we request a personal meeting with you to discuss the Irish Government's intentions in the aftermath of these murders.

We are seriously concerned about the campaign by the British print media - most notably The Sunday Times and The Sun - to publicly vilify, discredit and distort eyewitness accounts that do not concur with the British Government's official version of events in Gibraltar. (Please find enclosed copy of an article from The Sunday Tribune of May 15th 1988.)

We have been informed by Irish journalists that, on your recent tour of the United States, you expressed your concern and disquiet at the Gibraltar murders. With this in mind, we ask you, as An Taoiseach, to meet with us as a matter of urgency so that we can ensure that justice is done.

As the inquest into the deaths of our loved ones takes place in Gibraltar on June 27th, we trust that you will recognise the need for a meeting as soon as possible.

We thank you for your attention and are hopeful of a positive response from you and your government.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Farrell
Mairead Farrell.
Margaret McCann.
Mrs McCann
Elizabeth Savage.
John Savage