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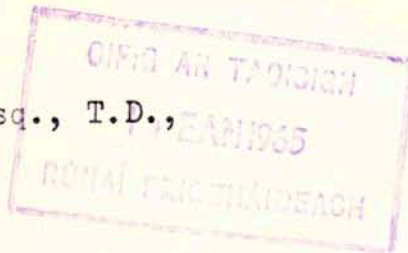
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15 January, 1965.

Seán Lemass, Esq., T.D.,
An Taoiseach.



Dear Taoiseach,

May I offer you my most sincere congratulations on the historic break through you have achieved with the North. The Northern Government now has a vested interest in making the north-south contacts succeed and I am confident that the ultimate reunification which we have visualised as a result of close co-operation must inevitably follow, however long it may take.

May I suggest that this might be an appropriate time to direct Radio Éireann and Telefís Éireann to refrain from using the term "Six Counties" when referring to the North. As you know, this causes grave offence in the North but does not advance our cause one iota.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

George Colley