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*19.5.69*  
*Reigns*  
*Done, please.*  
*The Taoiseach, who said*  
*then papers from the Ceann*  
*Comhairle, handed copies*  
*to the Taoiseach today.*  
*16.5.69*

*pa*

*Copy*

13 Bealtaine, 1969

A chara,

I have received the letter of 12th May signed by Mr. Patrick Kennedy, M.P., Mr. Ivan Cooper, M.P. and yourself.

The powers vested in me as Ceann Comhairle do not give me authority to accede to your request.

Mise, le meas,

*(5th) C. Ua B.*

Ceann Comhairle

Mr. Patrick O'Hanlon, M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
Belfast.

*Telegram also sent:*  
*"NOT POSSIBLE TO ACCEDE TO REQUEST"*

*13/5/69*  
*6.10 p.m.*

/Copy

House of Commons  
Northern Ireland

An Ceann Comhairle  
Dail Eireann

12th May, 1969

Dear Sir,

We wish to make formal application to address Dáil Eireann as a matter of urgency in order to submit certain suggestions which, if acted upon would materially help the people in the Six Counties who are campaigning for democracy and civil rights.

We therefore request you to place this before the Committee on Procedure and Privileges or any other appropriate body, as a matter of urgent national importance.

We propose to make ourselves available in Dublin at Leinster House on Wednesday May 14th at 3 p.m. If this date is not convenient we will make ourselves available on any suitable day this week or next.

Trusting that the house will be so good as to facilitate us in this matter, we remain

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Patrick O'Hanlon  
M.P. South Armagh

Patrick Kennedy  
M.P. Belfast Central

Ivan Cooper  
M.P. Mid-Derry