

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

IRELAND



Reference Code:	2007/116/740
Creation Date(s):	14 November 1977
Extent and medium:	1 page
Creator(s):	Department of the Taoiseach
Access Conditions:	Open
Copyright:	National Archives, Ireland. May only be reproduced with the written permission of the Director of the National Archives.

Don Taoiseach,
Sean P. Leamy F.D.

Carrick on Shannon
Co. Leitrim
14 November 1977.

A Thaoisigh dhil,

Along with Mr. Des Smith I attended the S.D.L.P. Conference in Newcastle, Co. Down 4 - 6 November.

The leadership of the S.D.L.P. appreciate your deep personal concern for the people of the North and their problems. Mr. John Hume expressed his gratitude for the kindness you have shown them on many occasions, but especially since your return to office as Taoiseach. This was particularly so in the matter of your talks with Mr. Callaghan.

The rank and file members of the S.D.L.P. left me in no doubt that they were delighted with the result of the General Election here and the change of Government. They are convinced that we now have a Government that cares about the North, and that is working towards a solution of its problems, without any surrender of principles.

Having spoken to many delegates, it is clear to me that they are all anxious that cross-border co-operation be actively pursued. For example, Mr Tom Daly, ~~Chairman~~ Chairman Enniskillen District Council discussed with me proposals for the development of the Erne Catchment Area in Fermanagh, Cavan and Leitrim, on which meetings have already been held. On both sides of the Border we are anxious that something concrete should be done fairly soon and we know that this will have your full support.

Mise, le fiormheas,
Farrell McElgunn.

Farrell McElgunn