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Speaker Thomas P. O' Neill, Jr.,  
Rayburn House Office Building,  
Washington D.C.,  
U.S.A.

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Dear Speaker O' Neill,

We met briefly when you were in Dublin last April and I recall the splendid speech you gave at Dinner in Dublin Castle on that occasion.

My colleagues and I greatly value the effective contribution which you gave personally made towards achieving a widespread understanding in the United States and throughout the world of the real nature of the problem in Northern Ireland. We value, also, your continuing support for the concept of a united Ireland achieved by peaceful means.

I am enclosing for your personal information, a copy of my address to the Fianna Fail Ard Fheis on Saturday, 16th February. It will I hope help to keep you up-to-date with our outlook and our policy objectives.

Our Minister for Foreign Affairs, Brian Lenihan, will be in Washington for the St. Patrick's Day ceremonies and hopes to have a meeting with you. He will be glad to discuss the present situation in detail and elaborate on any aspects about which you may wish to have further information.

I hope it will not be too long before we get an opportunity to meet again.

In the meantime, I send you my warmest personal regards and express to you on behalf of the Government and people of Ireland, our deep appreciation of your understanding of our affairs and your efforts on our behalf.

Yours very sincerely,

Taoiseach.