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27 February, 1980.

Governor Hugh L. Carey,
Executive Chamber,
State Capitol,
Albany,
New York State,
U.S.A.

Dear Governor Carey,

It is some time now since we first met in New York but I have followed your well-informed and courageous efforts to promote a settlement of the problem of Northern Ireland.

I remember with particular appreciation your speech at the College of Surgeons here three years ago and the part you and your fellow Americans have taken, since then, in the various declarations on the subject.

I am taking this opportunity of sending you a copy of my address to the Annual Conference of my Party, in which I outlined our policy.

I know that we can look forward to your continuing support for our efforts to bring about the unity of our people and country, by agreement and in peace.

Our Minister for Foreign Affairs, Brian Lenihan, will be in the States in March. I am asking him to try, if at all possible, to meet you so that he can explain our policies further and give you any other information you may wish to have about the current situation.

With warm personal greetings,

Yours sincerely,