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13 January, 1983.

The Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.,
The Speaker,
The Speakers Rooms,
United States House of Representatives.

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Dear Tip,

Thank you very much for your very warm letter of congratulations on my election as Taoiseach. It is indeed a daunting task to once again take up the reins of Government given the extent of the world recession. The recession is as you quite rightly say, having a serious effect on the Irish economy. Difficult decisions will have to be taken in order to reduce our dependence on foreign borrowing and to secure the future for our very young population.

The problem of Northern Ireland is still very much with us and indeed in recent months the increase in the level of violence there has been most worrying. I am most grateful for your assurance of help in this area and indeed deeply appreciative of all your efforts in recent years. Finally, I look forward to the further development of the links exchanged between the Congressional Friends of Ireland and members of the Oireachtas in the future.

With kind personal regards and love from your

Your friend
[Signature]



The Speaker's Rooms
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

December 21, 1982

Office of the Taoiseach
Leinster House
Dublin, IRELAND

Dear Garret:

Congratulations on your election as Taoiseach. As a result of the worldwide recession I know the problems Ireland face are quite serious. But, I am certain Ireland will profit by your able leadership and its future will be one of renewed prosperity and economic growth.

Of course, the problems in Northern Ireland persist. Your leadership on this issue has been courageous and tenacious. As an Irish-American political leader, I want to assure you that I will help you in whatever way is appropriate to bring peace and unity to Northern Ireland.

The Congressional Friends of Ireland are looking forward to further exchanges with Irish parliamentarians. You and your country have many friends in this Congress. They join me in wishing you well in your position as Taoiseach.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
The Speaker

*Great Going and Best Wishes -
Tip*