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> BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH, 2. Dublin 2.

15 September 1986

Mr. Brian McCarthy, Department of the Taoiseach, Government Buildings, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2.

Dear Brian,

I am enclosing for your attention a fax which this Section received from the Embassy in Washington. The list of proposed recipients of letters from the Taoiseach are in addition to the two thank you letters already sent to the Speaker and Senator Kennedy.

I would be grateful if you could arrange to have the letters typed up and signed by the Taoiseach so that they can be dispatched to the Embassy in Washington by diplomatic bag for presentation to the named members of Congress.

Yours sincerely,

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For:

Congressmen Dante Fascell, Lee Hamilton, Dave Obey, Tom Lantos, Tom Foley, James Wright, Edward Boland, and Joseph McDade; Senators Mark Hatfield, Daniel Moynihan, Christopher Dodd, John Kerry, Joseph Biden, Robert Dole, Paul Sarbanes, and Daniel Incuye.

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SECTEMBER 1986

The Honorable United States House of Representatives or United States Senate Washington DC

Dear

I have learned with great pleasure that Congress has approved an aid package totalling \$120 million over a three-year period to be contributed by the United States to an International Fund which is being established under the terms of the Anglo-Irish Agreement of 1985. I want to take this opportunity to thank you personally for your efforts in arriving at this important gesture of support for a political process which is designed to bring peace and stability in Northern Ireland.

As you will know, the Agreement has been in effect since November 1985 and my Government believes that its continued implementation offers the best hope for improvement in the lives of all people in Northern Ireland. US support for the Agreement has been crucial in encouraging cur efforts, and your own support for progress towards peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland has been no less important.

On behalf of my Government I wish to express heartfelt thanks to you for the foresight and generosity which you have shown through this measure.

Yours sincerely,

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