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*Mr. Kennedy (agree
to see P. Higgins)*



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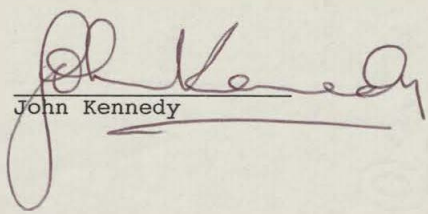
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10 April, 1993

Secretary
Department of Foreign Affairs

I enclose, for whatever action you deem appropriate, copies of letters received by the President regarding the bombing tragedy in Warrington last month. A copy of the standard reply which issued from Áras an Uachtaráin in each case is included for your information.


John Kennedy

6 April 1993

Mrs. Helen Shirbon,
60 Pennington Oval.

Dear Mrs. Shirbon,

The President, Mary Robinson, has asked me to thank you for your recent letter about the appalling bombing atrocity at Warrington and to say that she has noted the views that you have expressed. She regrets that the constitutional parameters of her office prevent her from responding to key issues raised in your letter but she is arranging to have it referred to the Government for their attention.

The President wishes me to inform you of the widespread horror and revulsion that the atrocity in Warrington has evoked in the Irish people and of her own expressed hope that this grief and outrage may be harnessed in a constructive way to promote peace and reconciliation on this island and between these islands. She appreciates the sincerity and depth of feeling that has resulted in many groups and individuals organising activities to show their yearning for peace and she fully identifies with their common objectives of emphatically rejecting violence and promoting peace and reconciliation.

On the invitation of the Mayor and members of Warrington Borough Council the President will attend a Service of Remembrance, Prayer and Thanksgiving in memory of the victims of the terrible tragedy in Warrington and greatly appreciates the opportunity to convey the deep sympathy of the Irish people to those who have lost loved ones or who have been injured.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Ryan
Secretary to the President