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Dear Excellency,
I am writing to you on behalf of my family seeking to have a meeting with President Bill Clinton during his visit to Ireland. I would like to discuss with him the murder of my husband, Belfast solicitor Patrick Finucane.

You may be aware that I and other family members recently met with the British Prime Minister, Mr. Tony Blair in Downing Street, London to discuss with him in private the case and the family's demand for a public international independent inquiry into the full circumstances relating to Pat's death. This meeting was organised by the Irish Taoiseach Bertie Ahern after I met with him and other Government Ministers at Government buildings in Dublin.

I had the opportunity in March this year to meet with the President and the First Lady in Washington. I was introduced to the President by the Taoiseach during the St Patrick's Day function at the White House and earlier that day I had the opportunity to discuss the case with the First Lady at another function. The First Lady asked for more material on the case and I have since passed documents to her via Congressman Joe Crowley.

I am sure you are very much aware that my husband's case has been the subject of much concern on the part of many influential people and bodies in the United States including the US Congress and the US State Department. During my visit in March we were glad to speak to Dick Norland of the National Security Council and I had the privilege to address a Congressional Hearing on my husband's murder.

With the forthcoming trip now being organised I would be very grateful if I was given the opportunity to meet with the President so that I can privately bring him and the First Lady up to date on the case.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Geraldine Finucane

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