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*Dear Prime Minister*

At a Fianna Fail by-election meeting in Donegal on Saturday, 1st November, a statement was made by Deputy Sile de Valera criticising your Government's policy in Northern Ireland.

The Director of elections of the Fianna Fail party has issued the following statement on behalf of the Taoiseach and the Irish Government:

"The speech by Deputy de Valera was made without any prior consultation either with the Director of Elections or any member of the Irish Government. The views expressed by Deputy de Valera were her own personal views and not those of the Fianna Fail party."

In conveying this message I have been instructed to say that the Taoiseach totally and without any ambiguity rejects what was said by the Deputy. The Taoiseach has been distressed by the incident and wishes his concern to be conveyed to you.

*I am, dear Prime Minister,*

*Yours respectfully,*

*Samuel Kennedy*

Ambassador

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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,  
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IRISH REPUBLIC  
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21st November 1980

At a press conference held in London on Saturday, 14th November, a statement was made by Deputy Taoiseach, Mr. Charles Haughey, on the subject of the Government's policy on Northern Ireland.

The Director of Elections of the Fianna Fail party has issued the following statement on behalf of the Taoiseach and the Irish Government:

The speech by Deputy de Valera was made without any prior consultation either with the Director of Elections or any member of the Irish Government. The views expressed by Deputy de Valera were his own and not those of the Irish Government.

In conveying this message I have been instructed to say that the Taoiseach totally and without any ambiguity rejects what was said by Deputy de Valera. The Taoiseach has been distressed by the incident and wishes his concern to be conveyed to you.



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