



IRISH EMBASSY, LONDON.

cc Mrs. Goodchild

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22nd May 1980

Dear Prime Minister

I hardly know how to thank you for yesterday's delightful luncheon. It achieved that very elusive blend of warmth and elegance and I know that all your guests would join me in expressing our sincerest gratitude.

In addition to the warmth of your welcome and the graciousness of your hospitality may I also express our deep appreciation for the constructive, positive atmosphere in which the talks were conducted. We all felt that new and encouraging vistas of cooperation in friendship had been opened between us, and that the two islands were coming closer together.

Could I just add that my wife, our two children and myself are very much looking forward to seeing you and Mr Thatcher for a drink after the Trooping of the Colour on Saturday, 14th June. We feel quite overwhelmed by your kindness.

With renewed thanks

Yours sincerely,

Eamon Kennedy

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27 May 1980

My dear Ambassador,

Thank you so much for your letter and for the accompanying orchids. I am glad that you enjoyed the lunch. So did I.

The orchids are quite lovely. I have had them brought down here to Chequers and they are by me as I write.

Yours sincerely
Raymond Butler

His Excellency Dr. Eamon Kennedy

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