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PRIME MINISTER'S TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE TAOISEACH: THURSDAY 22 MAY 1980

Prime Minister: Hello Mr. Haughey, how are you? MESSAGE

Mr. Haughey: How are you, Prime Minister?

PM: I'm fine. I just have to go off to the North East in a moment or two and I have not written a letter which is why I wanted to telephone to say how very much we enjoyed yesterday and how pleased we were with it. And thank you so much for the beautiful teapot.

Mr. Haughey: I am delighted. I was delighted to be there and indeed thanks are due on my side because you were very gracious and wonderful hospitality and a delightful atmosphere and it was a most satisfactory day indeed for us.

PM: Did you have a difficult time at your Press Conference? Good.

Mr. Haughey: I had a very rough, well not too bad, but my main problem was to keep our confidentiality, you know.

Yes, I know. PM:

Mr. Haughey: And I hope I did that.

Yes. Superbly. I just had three questions in the House this PM: afternoon. One from Mr. Kilfedder, which was not what one would call a nice Question, and one from Gerry Fitt, who is always very good humoured and one from MacNamara. But we got through all right. Otherwise I didn't see the press. But I just wanted to say we very much enjoyed it. We look forward to the next time and thank you very much.

Mr. Haughey: Thank you very much Prime Minister. Delighted again. God bless you.

PM: Thank you. God bless. Goodbye.



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From the Private Secretary

23 May 1980

## MR. HAUGHEY

You will wish to know that the Prime Minister telephoned Mr. Haughey yesterday afternoon to thank him for his gift. Only one point of substance came up in the course of the brief conversation. Mr. Haughey asked whether the Prime Minister was satisfied that he had maintained the confidentiality of their discussion during his press conference. The Prime Minister said that she was entirely satisfied.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Roy Harrington (Northern Ireland Office).

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