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From the Private Secretary

19 February 1988

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

I enclose a copy of Mr Haughey's reply to the Prime Minister's recent message about the signing of a Heads of Agreement between Cable and Wireless, Telecom, Eireann and PTAT Systems Incorporated.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Alison Brimelow (Department of Trade and Industry), David Watkins (Northern Ireland Office) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

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dated 15.2.88

Dear Private Secretary

I am enclosing herewith a letter addressed to the Prime Minister
The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP, FRS, from the Taoiseach,
Mr Charles J Haughey TD.

I should be grateful if you would bring it to the attention of
the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Andrew O'Rourke".

Andrew O'Rourke
Ambassador

Mr Charles D Powell
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
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Text of Message from the Taoiseach,

Mr. Charles J Haughey, T.D., to the

Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P., F.R.S.

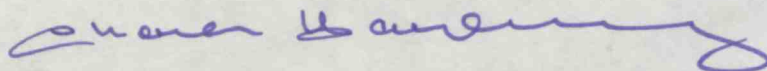
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Your message to me for the recent signing of a Heads of Agreement between Telecom Éireann, Cable and Wireless plc. and PTAT Systems Incorporated for the landing of a spur from the PTAT-1 fibre cable in Ireland at which I presided is warmly appreciated.

I was honoured to officiate at the trilateral signing ceremony. The new link is of historic significance for the Irish international telecommunications system which is already among the most advanced in the world.

I fully agree that this project is an excellent example of American and Anglo-Irish industrial co-operation. There have always been very good working relationships between the telecommunications authorities of our two countries. This new venture will add an important new dimension to these relationships.

The economic development of both our countries requires the provision of the most advanced national and international telecommunications infrastructure. I welcome the provision of new international facilities of the type which PTAT-1 makes available and the practical co-operation between both our countries which it represents.



Charles J. Haughey

15 February, 1988.