

Fitzgerald.

12th April 1979

Thank you very much indeed for your^s kind letter about Airey. He was one of freedom's staunchest warriors who was so much looking forward to working in Northern Ireland. His loss has been a terrible blow to us all, particularly at such a crucial time. But Airey was a battler and I know he would now have wanted us to be even more determined to achieve a famous victory after this awful tragedy.

With best wishes.

Dr Garret Fitzgerald



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Your reference

Our reference

Date 5 April 1979

Dear Private Secretary,

I enclose a letter of condolence from Dr FitzGerald, leader of the Fine Gael in the Republic of Ireland, to Mrs Thatcher. It has been forwarded via our Embassy in Dublin as the Irish postal strike prevents Dr FitzGerald sending it himself.

Yours sincerely
D G Blunt

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