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British Embassy

33 Merrion Road

Dublin 4

11 February 1977

Mr John Burke
Department of Foreign Affairs
St Stephen's Green
Dublin 2

Dear Mr. Burke,

In the temporary absence of the British Ambassador due to illness, I have been asked to convey the following message from Her Majesty The Queen in reply to the message of congratulations from President Hillery on the occasion of Her Silver Jubilee:

"I send my sincere thanks to Your Excellency for your kind message on the occasion of my Silver Jubilee which I greatly appreciated.

Elizabeth R."

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the message to be transmitted to the President.

Yours sincerely,
J.K. Hickman

J K Hickman

A Soilse an Bhanríon Eilís a Dó

Ar ócáid lúcháire chothrom fiche cúig bliain ó tháinig Do Shoilse i réim
is ábhar áthais dom comhghairdeas ó chroí a chur in iúl do Do Shoilse
mar aon le mo dhea-ghuí go nbeidh sonas ar Do Shoilse agus rath ar phobal
na Breataine

Pádraig Ó hIrighile
Uachtarán na hÉireann

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

On the happy occasion of the 25th anniversary of Your Majesty's accession,
I wish to express my sincere felicitations together with my good wishes
for your Majesty's welfare and for the prosperity of the British people.

Patrick J. Hillery
President of Ireland