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The Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

June 30, 1982

Office of the Taoiseach
Leinster House
Dublin, IRELAND

Dear Taoiseach:

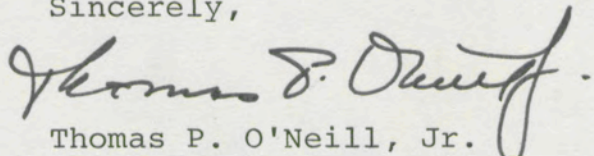
Thank you for your letter and for the warm welcome you gave Tom Foley's delegation. They had a most informative and enjoyable visit. The personal attention you gave the visit was most appreciated by the members of the delegation.

Since their visit Jim Shannon and Charlie Dougherty have introduced a resolution calling for outlawing the U.D.A., and in addition Senator Kennedy has sponsored a resolution banning the use of plastic bullets.

Thank you for your kind invitation and I would welcome the opportunity to visit Ireland again but first I have the fall elections to attend to.

In the meantime I hope everything goes well for you personally and for Ireland.

Sincerely,


Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
The Speaker



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Oifig an Taoisigh
Office of the Taoiseach

21 June, 1982.

The Honourable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jnr.,
Speaker,
United States House of Representatives,
Washington.

Dear Tip,

I would like to say how much I and my Government appreciated the recent visit to Ireland of the Congressional delegation led by Representative Foley. Their deep understanding of and interest in the affairs of Ireland were very impressive and naturally we would be glad to hear of any conclusions they reach as a result of the visit.

I understand that the Irish Parliamentary Association will shortly be forming a parallel parliamentary group to the Friends of Ireland and hope that a delegation from that body will be able to visit Washington at a convenient date in the future.

Since the delegation's visit here, I have had the opportunity to travel to New York and to meet leaders of the Irish-American Community there. I was able to call on their support for Irish Government policy aimed at creating a framework in which an all-Ireland settlement can be negotiated in peace and in justice. We are happy to know that this is a policy which is close to the hearts of the Congressional Friends of Ireland and I look forward to our co-operation in coming years.

May I wish you, personally, every success and I hope that in the not too distant future you will be able to come and be welcomed by us here in Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

Taoiseach.

sent via Foreign Affairs
copied to Mr. Kennedy

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