



An Chartlann Náisiúnta
National Archives

Reference Code: 2019/31/26

Creator(s): Department of the Taoiseach

Accession Conditions: Open

Copyright: National Archives, Ireland.
May only be reproduced with
the written permission of the
Director of the National
Archives.

Telefón } (01) 780822
Telephone }

Seol aon fhreagra chun:-
(Address any reply to:-)

AN RÚNAÍ
(The Secretary)

faoin uimhir seo:-
(quoting:-)



AN ROINN GNÓTHAÍ EACHTRACHA
Department of Foreign Affairs

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH, 2.
Dublin 2.

19 January, 1989.

Mr. Dermot Nally,
Secretary to the Government,
Government Buildings,
Merrion Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Dermot,

I am enclosing draft messages which the Taoiseach might wish to consider sending to outgoing President Reagan and to his successor. These can, when finalised, be sent through the Ambassador in Washington.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Dermot Gallagher,
Assistant Secretary.

cc: PSM
Secretary
Chief of Protocol
Ms. Anderson

D R A F T

The President,
The White House,
Washington DC.

Dear President Bush,

On behalf of the Government and people of Ireland, I have great pleasure in extending to you our warm congratulations on your inauguration as the 41st President of the United States of America.

As you take up the heavy responsibilities of your new office, I offer our sincerest good wishes for the success for your Presidency and your Administration. And I look forward during your term of office to the further development of the exceptional ties of friendship and close cooperation which have always characterised the relations between the United States and Ireland and which derive in large part from the depth of our common commitment to those most fundamental of values - democracy, human freedom and justice.

At a personal level, I look forward very much to meeting you on St. Patrick's Day in Washington, a day that symbolises the unique and enduring ties that bind together our two nations and people.

Yours sincerely,

Charles J. Haughey, T.D.,
Taoiseach.

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States of America,
Washington DC.

Dear President Reagan,

Eight years ago I had the pleasure of extending to you my congratulations on your inauguration as the 40th President of the United States of America. I now take equal pleasure in congratulating you on the achievements of your Presidency.

The eight years of your Presidency have seen the further development of the close ties which bind our two nations and peoples. These ties embrace many areas of life - the political, the economic, and the cultural. But no ties are stronger than those of family and we see these embodied in particular in the contribution which many Irish people and people of Irish descent have made in the construction of the United States. You, Mr. President, the great-grandson of an Irish emigrant, are a most distinguished testimony to that continuing contribution. We will always retain warm memories of your great homecoming to Ireland in 1984.

Our two nations share basic values - chief among them is an unshakable attachment to democracy and liberty. And we in Ireland especially appreciate the support which you have expressed and demonstrated for our efforts to bring about peace and justice in Northern Ireland. I and my Government will continue with determination to work for dialogue, for reconciliation and for a peaceful resolution of the problems of the North.

On the eve of your departure from Washington to your home in California, I would like, on behalf of the Irish people, to wish Mrs. Reagan and you continued happiness and success in your retirement. I know that Ireland will always be in your thoughts. And you can always be sure of a warm Irish welcome if you come on a return visit to us.

Yours sincerely,

Charles J. Haughey, T. D.,
Taoiseach.