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Miss Breda Power,
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Dear Miss Power,

The Taoiseach, Mr. Charles J. Haughey, T.D., has asked me to thank you for your recent letters asking him to write to President Gorbachev about the Birmingham Six case.

As you will be aware, President Gorbachev visited Ireland on 2nd April and had talks with the Taoiseach. President Gorbachev is aware of the case of the Birmingham Six and has spoken about it publicly as a human rights issue. At their meeting, the Taoiseach thanked President Gorbachev for his interest in the Guildford Four and Birmingham Six.

It is understood that during President Gorbachev's visit to Britain, a senior Soviet official accompanying the President met with the Birmingham Six Committee to discuss the case.

Yours sincerely,

Donagh Morgan

Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach.

Copied to Orla O'Hanrahan.

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