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December 20, 1982.

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Dear Frank,

Please find enclosed a copy of statements made by the Speaker, Mr Tip O'Neill, Congressmen T Foley and James Shannon and Senator Edward Kennedy following the Ballykelly bombing on December 6, 1982.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Anne
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DECEMBER 9, 1982

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR.
REGARDING KILLINGS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

This weeks bombing in Ballykelly, Northern Ireland was an atrocity of the first order. The perpetrators of such an act are murderers. Those who did this and claimed to have done it in the name of Irish Unity are liars. Nothing does more to set back the goal of a United Ireland than such acts of violence.

The Ballykelly bombing is one of the most outrageous acts of violence committed in more than a decade of troubles in Ireland.

As an Irish-American I abhor such acts and I urge all Irish-Americans to refrain from giving any moral or financial support to those organizations that seek to unite Ireland through the use of violence.

from the office of

*Senator Edward M. Kennedy
of Massachusetts*

STATEMENT OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY
ON THE BOMBING IN BALLYKELLY, NORTHERN IRELAND

For Immediate Release
December 8, 1982

I join all those who support the cause of peace and an end to the violence in Northern Ireland in condemning the cruel and savage bombing of a disco pub last Monday in Ballykelly, in which 11 British soldiers and 5 civilians were killed and over 60 others were injured.

As I have stated many times over the past decade in the course of this tragic conflict in Northern Ireland, there is no justification whatever for resort to violence. I have consistently and repeatedly condemned the killing and the destruction on both sides, and I do so again today.

This latest act of incredible brutality shocks the conscience of all who seek a responsible settlement of the conflict. I extend my deepest sympathy to the families of the victims of this tragedy, and I pray for the quick recovery of those who have been injured.

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