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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
DUBLIN.Mr Liam Cosgrave TD  
Department of the  
Taoiseach  
Dublin

18 May 1974

*Dear Mr. Cosgrave,*

Late yesterday evening I received instructions from my Prime Minister to convey to you as quickly as possible the following personal message:

"I was shocked to hear the news of today's horrific attacks in Dublin and Monaghan. Once again it is the innocent and defenceless civilian population who suffer the consequences of these mindless and savage terrorist acts. Please convey to the families of the victims the heartfelt condolences of Her Majesty's Government, which I know the British people as a whole will share".

As it was by then very late I thought it best to give the text of the message to Mr Nally, who kindly undertook to transmit it to you. I am therefore writing to confirm the text you will already have received. But I should like to add, if I may, an expression of my own feelings of shock and distress, and of deep and abiding compassion for the victims and their relatives, in which all members of my Mission join.

*Yours sincerely,**Arthur Galsworthy*

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