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6 March, 1984.

Mr. Padraic McCormack,
County Councillor,
3 Renmore Park,
Galway.

*1. M. Butler
for our file of
2. M. M. Gahan
7/13*

Dear Councillor,

Many thanks for your letter of 2nd March about deputations which include Sinn Fein members.

What the Government seek is simply that those who use the ways of democracy should abide by its rules. Ministers will see deputations including members of Provisional Sinn Fein if the persons concerned publicly dissociate themselves from the IRA campaign of violence. I do not wish to be too specific as to how they should do this but I am sure that an unambiguous statement to the required effect recorded in the minutes of a meeting or by the media would be totally acceptable to any Minister who is asked to receive a deputation.

Yours sincerely,

Taoiseach.

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