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(Myer/RR)  
May 30, 1984  
2:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: U.S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN LONDON  
SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1984

Mr. Secretary and Mrs. Shultz, Mr. Ambassador and Mrs. Price, and members of the Embassy: Nancy and I are grateful that so many of you could be here today. We want to express our heartfelt thanks for your warm welcome and for all you have done to make our visit a success. It has been a truly outstanding visit, and one which I know has required much work from all of you. Thank you for a tough job extremely well done.

I know that the number of official visits to London is almost overwhelming, but this Embassy always rises to the challenge. Your good work and cheerful hospitality are well-known to Washingtonians, and I'm sure that helps explain why you see so many of us so frequently.

Great Britain and the United States are kindred nations of like-minded people. We defend the same causes, face the same dangers, and value the same friendships. These bonds between trusted friends are very special and must never be broken.

You play a vital role in all of this, and I'm delighted that Anglo-American cooperation and consultation have never been closer. We are grateful for your many efforts.

This has been a particularly busy year for the Atlantic Alliance -- and a successful one. Despite unprecedented Soviet propaganda and attempts at political intimidation, the Alliance has remained steadfast in its determination to defend

Europe and preserve peace. There is no doubt that NATO will continue to meet its responsibilities.

The Summit we just concluded exemplified the unity of the Western industrialized nations and of our resolve to advance our common interests. Today, I am more convinced than ever of the importance of an open international trading system, and confident of the prospects for full Western economic recovery.

If I may, I'd like to speak for a moment on a subject that concerns me greatly. With tragic frequency, your colleagues have given their lives in the service of our Nation. The lists of names on the memorial plaques in the State Department and other agencies grow longer. The bombing of our Embassy in Beirut remains a vivid memory. Last month, two American officers in southern Africa, working for peace and freedom, paid the ultimate sacrifice. And more recently, you witnessed terrorism right here in London.

Your jobs are not easy. And more than ever, we look to the men and women of the Foreign Service, and the many other agencies that serve us abroad. The hard work of diplomacy is the work of peacemakers -- work that often takes place in difficult and dangerous settings. I want to assure you that we are doing everything possible to provide for your safety. And I want to tell you that the American people deeply appreciate your dedication and selfless service.

Finally, I would like to thank our Foreign Service nationals who serve us so well. Your important contributions to the Anglo-American partnership are sincerely appreciated.

Ambassadors and other American officials come and go, and it's your continuity that keeps everything running smoothly. And nobody knows that better than Miss Joan Auten. Miss Auten, would you please join me up here.

During Miss Auten's distinguished career spanning nearly 44 years, she has served 14 American Ambassadors to the Court of Saint James. During World War II, Miss Auten was instrumental in arranging the evacuation of children to the United States for safekeeping. Since those early days of service, she has played a leading role in promoting friendship and dialogue between our two democracies. As Senator Howard Baker once remarked on the floor of the United States Senate, "(You have) probably done more to foster the friendship between Great Britain and the United States in the past 40 years than all the diplomats of either country put together."

Miss Auten, I believe that I speak for everyone here today -- and all those who have served or passed through the Court of Saint James during the past 44 years -- in expressing my deep appreciation for your faithful and devoted service. And now, it is an honor to present you one of the highest civilian awards that can be conferred by the United States: The President's Special Award for Exceptional Service.

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**Patrick John HILLERY**

**IRELAND**

*President*  
(since December 1976)

*Addressed as:*  
*Mr. President*



Despite his public avowals that he would retire after serving his first seven-year term as President, Patrick Hillery yielded to the pleas of Ireland's three major political parties and nominated himself for a second term, a procedure provided for by the Irish Constitution. Because there were no other candidates, he was deemed "elected" and was sworn in for his second term in early December 1983. At the time of his first inauguration in 1976,

[REDACTED] He has nonetheless managed to keep the largely ceremonial presidency above politics, as custom dictates. He is well disposed toward the United States, which he has visited often. [REDACTED]

Educated at University College, Dublin, Hillery followed his father into medical practice. In 1951 he was elected to the Dail (lower house of parliament). He has held several Cabinet portfolios, including Education, Industry and Commerce, Labor, and Foreign Affairs. One of the few early Irish "Europeanists," Hillery was responsible for negotiating Ireland's entry into the EC (it became a member in 1973). He resigned from the Dail in January 1973, when he was appointed a vice president of the EC Commission, with responsibility for social affairs; he held that post until he received his current position.

[REDACTED]

Hillery, 61, is a prize-winning golfer and also enjoys swimming, fishing, and painting. He is married to the former Mary Finnegan, who is, like her husband, a medical doctor. She enjoys attending auctions and plays golf and bridge. Both Hillerys speak French. They have a son and a daughter [REDACTED]

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**Mary Finnegan HILLERY**

**IRELAND**

*Wife of the President*

*Addressed as:*

*Mrs. Hillery or*

*Dr. Hillery*

Mary Finnegan and Patrick Hillery were married in October 1955. Hillery has been President since December 1976. Like her husband, Mrs. Hillery is a medical doctor. A member of the executive board of the National Association for the Mentally Handicapped, she is currently involved in volunteer research in this area. She has publicly supported equal opportunity for women, but she says she is not a feminist. Mrs. Hillery, who enjoys traveling, owns a house in Spain. Her other leisure interests include attending auctions and playing golf and bridge. She speaks French. The Hillerys have a son, who is a medical student, and a daughter.



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Garret Michael FITZGERALD

IRELAND

*Prime Minister*  
(since December 1982)

*Addressed as:*  
*Mr. Prime Minister*



A politician whose personal popularity generally exceeds the popularity of his party, Fine Gael party leader Garret FitzGerald is heading his second Fine Gael-Labor Party coalition government. The Irish press describes FitzGerald as an intellectual and an honest politician but has frequently doubted his political sagacity.

[REDACTED]

In mid-1983, however, the British press criticized FitzGerald for his alleged mishandling of a political dispute centering on the language for a proposed constitutional ban on abortion. The government's proposal was defeated in the Dail, the lower house of parliament, with eight of FitzGerald's fellow Fine Gael members voting against him.

[REDACTED]

### **Economic Problems and Policy**

As Prime Minister, FitzGerald faces difficult decisions on the economy. Ireland boasted one of the highest growth rates in the West during the early 1970s, but since then the economy has faltered severely. The country has a huge public debt, and inflation and unemployment are about 12 and 16 percent, respectively. FitzGerald has pledged to eliminate the budget deficit by 1987. In his first budget, in February 1983, he introduced new, harsh measures that increased income and consumer taxes. His 1984 budget, while somewhat less restrictive, is nearly as harsh. Both budgets have contained measures to deal with Ireland's high unemployment rate, although FitzGerald holds no immediate hope of alleviating that problem: in mid-1983 he publicly stated that unemployment in Ireland would probably get worse before it got any better (he was right). FitzGerald's tough budgets have produced some political strains with his coalition partners in the left-of-center Labor Party [REDACTED] however, the Labor Party is likely to stick with the coalition for the foreseeable future.

### **Foreign Affairs**

[REDACTED] FitzGerald has a nearly encyclopedic knowledge of world affairs. He is a strong supporter of the European Communities.

[REDACTED] He has visited this country many times, most recently in September 1982, when he met with Vice [REDACTED]

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President George Bush. FitzGerald's foreign policy positions have often coincided with those of the United States: he publicly condemned the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and supported the subsequent Olympic boycott and grain embargo. He does not hesitate to disagree with US policies, however, and he has publicly criticized US actions in Central America. FitzGerald was reluctant to take any measures in response to the Soviet downing of a South Korean airliner in 1983. He opposes Irish membership in any military alliance, favoring the continuation of his country's Westward-leaning neutrality. [REDACTED]

### **The Northern Ireland Problem**

FitzGerald supports the peaceful unification of Ireland. He has long been critical of terrorist activities, and he has publicly denounced the Provisional Irish Republican Army for waging "a campaign of sectarian genocide against the Protestants." He has often appealed to Americans to refuse to contribute funds to organizations linked to terrorism in Ulster. [REDACTED]

To achieve peaceful unification, FitzGerald advocates cooperation between Dublin and both the British Government and moderate political forces in Ulster. He has met with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher twice: in November 1981 and in November 1983. At the first meeting the two leaders agreed to establish an Anglo-Irish intergovernmental council as a framework for bilateral consultations, and at the second session they reviewed the accomplishments of the council. FitzGerald has called for changes in the Irish Constitution that would make unification more attractive to the Protestants in the North. [REDACTED]

In early 1983 FitzGerald was a leading proponent of the establishment of the Forum for a New Ireland, a group open to any party disavowing the use of violence and having elected representatives in either the Republic of Ireland or Ulster. He has asserted that the creation of the forum demonstrated to the "men of violence" in the North that Ireland's future will be built by the ballot box and not the bullet. The forum met between May 1983 and early February 1984 and is now drafting a report on its proposed new solution to the Northern Ireland problem; the report is expected to be released in March. [REDACTED]

FitzGerald holds a law degree and a Ph.D. in economics. First elected to the Dail in 1969, he served during 1973-77 as Foreign Minister (a post his father, Desmond, had held during the 1920s and 1930s). FitzGerald was elected leader of Fine Gael in 1977, after the party suffered an unexpected and devastating election defeat. He is widely credited in Ireland with converting the once disorganized party into a formidable political power. During June 1981-March 1982 he led a minority coalition government that fell after losing a budget vote in the Dail. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

27 February 1984

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**Joan FITZGERALD**

**IRELAND**

*Wife of the Prime Minister*

*Addressed as:*

*Mrs. FitzGerald*

Joan O'Farrell married Garret FitzGerald in October 1947. According to the press, she met him at a French Society meeting at University College in Dublin, where she studied history, economics, and politics. (She learned to speak French while living in Geneva as a child.) Mrs. FitzGerald travels frequently with her husband. The press has described her as a brilliant woman who serves as his sounding board. The media also note that she is active in theology discussion groups.



The FitzGerald's have three children: John, an economist in the Department of Finance; Mary, a lecturer in American literature at the University of Tromsø in Norway; and Mark, an auctioneer. Mrs. FitzGerald is about 61 years old.

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