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ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA

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Organized in New York City, May 4, 1836

An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern
Department of the Taoiseach
Government Buildings
Upper Merion St.
Dublin 2, Ireland

January 23, 2006

Dear Taoiseach,

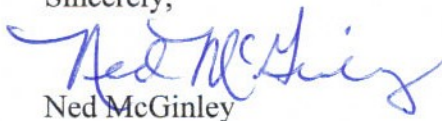
The Ancient Order of Hibernians is writing to you in support of the family of the late Captain James Kelly and his family. We believe that your meeting with the family on December 9, 2005 was a positive development in this difficult situation and commend you for taking that action. The family is carrying on the quest requested of them by their father in his final moments to completely clear his name.

In your past comments you have noted that you believe Captain Kelly was operating under "what he believed were proper orders" and you had "no reason to doubt his integrity" would mean that the step to clear his name is very close. We request that your move to completely clear Captain James Kelly's name should be sooner rather than later.

This action will help to close a sad chapter in the conflict that has been known as "The Troubles" for more than thirty years and is important to total reconciliation.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,


Ned McGinley