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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Bill Sittmann

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE
Personal Secretary
to the President

DATE: 2-17-84

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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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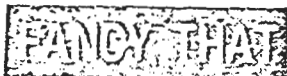
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Irish village tidies up for Reagan

By Judy Stoeven
Special for USA TODAY

BALLYPOREEN, Ireland — Ask almost anyone in this County Tipperary village of 300 inhabitants if the president of the United States will be visiting soon and the answer is "yes, of course."

"We'll make a day of it. And a night of it. We'll make the next year of it," said Paddy Slattery, alone in the "Ronald Reagan Lounge Bar."

Slattery had just heard the news Tuesday that President

Reagan — one of 40 million Americans with roots in Ireland — would visit the birthplace of his ancestors when he comes to Ireland in early June en route to an economic summit in London.

"Naturally I feel very proud," said bar owner John O'Farrell. "I'm quite sure my great-grandfather shared a pint (of beer) with his great-grandfather."

Reagan's great-grandfather, Michael Regan, moved from Ireland to England in the early 1850s, changed his name to

Reagan and married a Tipperary girl, Catherine Mulcahy, before emigrating in 1858.

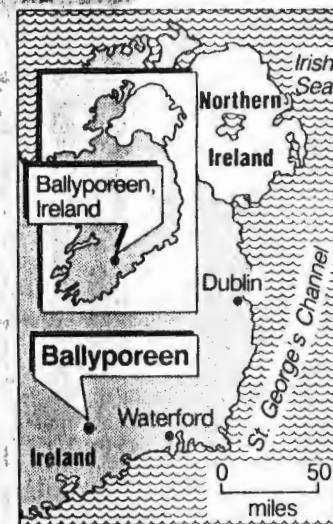
Ballyporeen has been getting ready for several years to give a hero's welcome to its favorite son. The first step was taken in early 1981 when O'Farrell's named his bar after the president. Now, nearly every house here has fresh paint. A park was dedicated to Reagan last year.

O'Farrell and his wife, Mary, have received three letters from Reagan. The latest, dated July 27, 1983, said he was

pleased to hear Ballyporeen claimed him as "its own."

Speculation about a presidential visit increased after visits here by Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler and Reagan's son, Ron, who came last year researching his family tree.

Not everyone, though, thinks the trip is a great idea. Said the town's leading senior citizen, John Bagley, 88, looking up from his work table where he makes horse harnesses: "I think he has his hands full over where he is," Bagley said.



By Marcy Eckroth Mullins, USA TODAY

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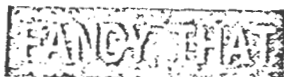
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1981

Dear Mrs. White:

How can I thank you for what you have done in putting together the book and then paying such a glowing tribute to me. And how kind you were to send copies to Jim Brady and Tim McCarthy. Tim will be back, fully recovered, on the Security detail in a matter of days, and Jim is doing very well. The prognosis is virtually complete recovery and ability to return to his job, but it will take longer time.

In case you don't know it, let me tell you how very much this means to me because my father, having been orphaned at the age of six, had never known much or told me much about his family. All these years I've had Reagans and Regans come to me trying to establish some relationship and I have felt helpless. To have this history is just more than I can find words to thank you for. Incidentally, in your book you mentioned the first cattle drive over Refugio Pass. I had read of that in the book, Santa Barbara, The Grand Ranchos and don't know whether you're aware that the original trail went through what is now our ranch. In fact, there is a rock on our ranch that still bears the carved initials "J.C. January 15, 1905." I realize the cattle drive went before that but this is evidence of where the trail crossed our property. On a trip to Ireland some years ago, I stood on Cashel Rock and went through the ruins at the old castle there. To think that I now know I was at the scene of some of my own family's history.

Again, my heartfelt thanks for giving me a family tree of which I am very proud.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mrs. Patricia Meade White
627 De La Vina
Santa Barbara, California 93101

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May 18, 1981

Dear Mr. President:

I hope you enjoy this brief account of the O'Regan original homelands and their flight with the Wild Geese to America after 1691. I could have written more, particularly on the first cattle drive to the Gold Fields over Refugio Pass, led by an Irishman. But finances limited me to 100 pages. If this sells well, I will revise the second edition to include California.

The Irish government has been most cooperative in supplying me with photographs of O'Regan country, since the information I uncovered 12 years ago in Ireland was unknown there. In fact, they withheld the announcement of the "find your ancestors" plan as in the enclosed clipping, until I wrote Mr. O'Hanlon that the book would be back from the printers on May 1.

It will interest you to know that a documentary based on the book is being considered in Ireland through family connections of Philip Whelan (O Faolain), an associate. Of equal interest is that he also informs me that Mr. Sun, an international trader from Mainland China, who has spent six years in Chinese government service, is interested in translating the book into Chinese for distribution in China. The Chinese have great respect for history and ancient families.

I can't resist, in closing, to say that I envy you your beautiful Arabian. The 25 years I spent in Los Angeles, I was so absorbed in the ownership of a part Arabian TWH palomino, "Irish Gold," that I did no writing - only research. My Virginia grandfather always said that the Whites lost their plantation raising race horses. John White owned the first colt in America sired by the Godolphin Arabian. I finally gave Irish Gold to the Ranch for the Junior Blind in Malibu - or I would never get back to writing.

Yours sincerely,

James Brady

P.S. I have asked your staff to deliver copies to James Brady and Timothy McCarthy. Early immigrants of those families appear in the book.

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June 12, 1981

Smyth

Dear Mr. Smith:

Please accept my apology for this belated reply. It was kind of you to write, prior to my Inauguration, and to send a print of the film tracing my family's ancestry in Ballyporeen. I am very pleased to have this report which appeared as part of the program, "Ireland's Eye", transmitted by Radio Telefis Eireann. Your thoughtfulness in providing this special remembrance for my interest and enjoyment is particularly appreciated.

With my gratitude for your expression of goodwill, and with all best wishes to you and your colleagues,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM P. SMITH

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Mr. Noel Smyth
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16th January 1981

Mr. Ronald Regan
President of the United States of America
White House
WASHINGTON D.C.
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to enclose herewith a 16mm Sep. Mag print of an item recently transmitted by Radio Telefís Éireann, Ireland's National Radio and Television Network. The film report, which appeared in a daily current affairs magazine programme "Ireland's Eye", traced the Regan ancestry in Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary and has generated considerable interest among our audience.

BBC Television subsequently carried the report and we understand from our colleagues in the corporation that it was well received in the United Kingdom. We hope that you will be able to find the time to view it and will find it of interest.

If we can be of assistance to your Press Office in the future we hope they will not hesitate to call on us.

Might I take this opportunity to wish you and your family every success in the coming years.

Kindest regards.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Noel Smyth', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

NOEL SMYTH
Head of Information Programmes

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
August 7, 1981


Dear Mr. Hannon:

Your letter to the President requesting his endorsement of a project to promote Irish tourism has been referred to me for a reply.

The President has made it a practice to avoid commercial endorsements within the United States so that there will be no perception of favoritism or undue advantage to a particular business venture. It would hardly be appropriate for him to endorse a specific venture in another country.

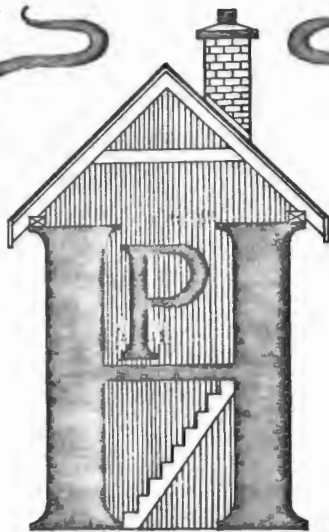
In light of this policy there would seem to be no purpose to be served by attempting to schedule a meeting with the President for you and your solicitor.

Sincerely,



Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

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Tel. 028-28103

July 29th, 1981

President Ronald Reagan

The White House

Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. President,

I enclose for your personal perusal copies of (1) an Irish newspaper cutting, and (2) a letter which has been circulated to all national newspapers in the United States of America.

You will see from the enclosed data just what we are trying to promote.

Needless to say, Southern Ireland is going through one of the most disastrous tourism seasons in history. We, and I speak for 99% of the Irish population, welcome all nationalities to holiday in our country.

The tourists are made up of Dutch, German, Swiss, French, English and American.

The last two are the most important. The Americans for obvious reasons and the English because they are one of the best spenders in Europe (just like the Irish)!

Would you kindly consider, just for 5 minutes meeting Mr. Patrick McCarthy,

my lawyer, and myself at your earliest convenience.

I know, Mr. President, that you are always exceptionally busy, but if you were seen to agree with the idea of the building of a monument in Ballyporeen, to the nine American Presidents with Irish ancestry, then it would ensure its complete success.

Yours very respectfully,


Patrick V. Hannon

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Ballyporeen, ancestral home of Ronald Reagan, has been earmarked for an elaborate monument to highlight the Irish connections with nine Presidents of the United States.

This novel idea belongs to a West Cork business man, Patrick Hannon, who together with Patrick McCarthy, a Skibereen based solicitor, has set up a company to erect the monument to boost our flagging tourist trade.

Mr. Hannon predicted that the amount of American tourists would increase when the project was completed. He added that the numbers are falling every year, in 1979 we had 250,000 visitors from the USA and in 1980 it fell dramatically to 226,000.

The company at the moment has at its disposal one acre of land to sell to Americans who wish to become landowners in Tipperary. The spot is situated at Gleanacunna overlooking the village of Ballyporeen. The idea is to sell square foot plots of land to Americans for 25 dollars apiece. This it is hoped will raise enough money to erect the memorial.

LEGAL CONTRACT

The monument will consist of nine sculptings of the respective presidents, all on the one platform. The specific layout of the structure is yet to be finalised. The people who buy the plots will have their names inscribed on a path leading up to the monument.

HIS PLAY WINS AWARD

A legal contract of purchase will be given to the people that invest in the land, and they will also be given a specially designed colour chart of the Regan family tree which was compiled by Debretts. It will be produced by artist, John Verling.

IN EARLY STAGES

The project is in its early stages at the moment and one of the company's main tasks is to promote the idea in America. The main objective at the moment is to improve the tourist trade and when asked why is it placed in Co. Tipperary as the other eight past presidents are not from there his answer was simply because the present President comes from the area and there would be more interest in Ballyporeen than in say Antrim or Monaghan.

It is hoped that the monument will be completed in time for next

year's tourist season and during the course of the year Mr. Hannon hopes to meet Ronald Reagan to tell him of his venture.

Among the first of the landowners in Tipperary is RTE personality Jimmy Greeley. He was presented with the deeds of his square foot plot of land during his successful "Drivetime" programme on Radio 2 last Thursday.

The nine presidents and where their connections lie in Ireland are listed in order from the seventh President of the United States to the present one.

Andrew Jackson, Co. Antrim (7); James J. Polk, Co. Derry (11); James Bucannon, Co. Donegal (15); Chester A. Arthur, Co. Antrim (21); William McKinley, not known (25); John F. Kennedy, Co. Wexford (35); Richard Nixon, Co. Kildare (37); Gerald Ford, Co. Monaghan (38); Ronald Reagan, Co. Tipperary (40).



Ald Sean Lyons, Mayor of Clonmel to a Mayor

DUMP ROW CONF

Protesters prevent work

Confrontation on Friday last between a large group of protesters and five employees of Irish Leathers has brought to a standstill work which had been commenced at the Slate Quarries, Ahenny, on a replacement dump for the Carrick-on-Suir and Portlaw Tanneries.

Despite the fact that Irish Leathers has been granted planning permission for the work and the dump and that an appeal by local objectors has been rejected by the Planning Appeals Board, the residents association has continued to oppose and obstruct the project and have now informed the Carrick-Portlaw industry that any further attempt to proceed with the development will be resisted and will again involve confrontation.

Victoria 1 quarry in 1967 for the disposal and digestion of non-toxic effluent from its tanneries. It is a fact that the best environmental method of dealing with the disposal of organic effluent is by anerobic digestion. This involves a natural digestoin and filtration process, which purifies the effluent as is the case with the septic tank



IRISH ROOTS Limited

The Haven, Main St., Schull, Co. Cork

Ireland.

Tel: 028/28103

Irish Roots is a subsidiary of Ballymercia Ltd.

July 28th, 1981

Dear Sir,

I enclose a photocopy of an article which appeared in the Nationalist, (a Munster weekly newspaper) for your perusal. The intention, as you will see from the article is to promote the American tourist in Ireland.

As you are probably aware, Tourism is the second largest industry in Southern Ireland and has, for a number of reasons, taken one hell of a knocking during the current season.

Would you be prepared to give the adjoining story some editorial coverage?

If you do give us some cover, please ensure that you quote our company, "Irish Roots" as being the one to deal with.

Irish Roots Company is owned by me (Patrick V. Hannon) and my lawyer, Patrick McCarthy of 24, Bridge Street, Skibbereen, Co. Cork, Tel. No. 028-21147.

There are others who may try to capitalize on my idea, but I can assure you that we fully intend to build a memorial to the nine American Presidents of Irish ancestry.

To conclude, please take special note of the figures quoted for the past two years regarding the number of American tourists in Ireland. This number is on the decline. We hope to swing it back to a substantially increasing figure during the next couple of years.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours truly,

Patrick V. Hannon

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October 28, 1981

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Dear Bess and Moon:

It looks like Duke is doing well. He's a good man and I know you must be happy.

The enclosed pictures are of the hometown of our great-grandfather. Please note the name on the pub -- that has to be a first for a President.

The little clipping indicates that the clan didn't start in Ballyporeen. - Incidentally, the picture of "Cashel" -- the ruins on the hill -- that is where St. Patrick is supposed to have erected the first cross in Ireland.

Incidentally, we hail from one of the four tribes of Tara, descended from the High King of Ireland -- Cathair Mer in 200 AD. - It seems we were the defenders for a few centuries of the Gap of Glendine, a narrow pass in the Slieve Bloom mountains. Our motto was "The Hills Forever." Every now and then I'd like to take to the hills myself.

By the way, our great-grandmother was Catherine Mulcahy.

Mike Kinney dropped in on me the other day and today Louis Schuman came by.

Have to go now. Nancy sends her love.

Love,

/S/ DUTCH

Mr. and Mrs. J. Neil Reagan
Post Office Box 413
Rancho Santa Fe, California 92067

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1982

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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

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As you can see, I'm in no position to comment on vacation spots, but can say we saw enough to know the beauty of Ireland. I very much hope I can make a third trip and, when I do, it will include a visit to Ballyporeen in County Tipperary. I've learned that was the home of my great grandfather who left there to come to America.

Best regards,

X

Mr. George Sullivan
330 East 33rd Street
New York, New York 10016

*Letter in response to request that
President's personal favorite vacation
spots in Ireland be information to be
used for article to be published in
Personal-in-flight magazine of Northwest
Braniff Airlines*

HANDWRITING FILE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 6, 1981

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Your letter of October 10 was misplaced in another office before finally being referred to me. I do deal with many requests from the media across the country. But when I saw that your questions about Ireland were of a personal nature, I took your letter directly to the President; and I thought you would like to know that he personally dictated this reply.

Good luck on your article -- when it comes out, why don't you send us a copy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Karna Small', with a large, stylized initial 'K'.

Karna Small
Director, Media Relations
and Planning

Mr. George Sullivan
330 East 33 Street
New York, New York, 10016

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Karna Small:

The President dictated this
in response to Mr. Sullivan's
request.

Kathy Osborne

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1981

FOR: ~~HELENE VON DAMM~~ *Kathy*
FROM: KARNA SMALL *KS*
SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM MAGAZINE

Sorry to bother you with trivia - but thought you might know the answer to this question about vacation spots in Ireland. If you could suggest how we should respond to this letter, I would appreciate it!

Thanks so much.

Dear Mr. Sullivan

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Best Regards
RR

October 10, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20050

Dear Sir,

I am a freelance writer and I have been assigned by PASSAGES, the in-flight magazine of Northwest-Orient Airlines, to prepare an article that is to be published next March in connection with St. Patrick's Day.

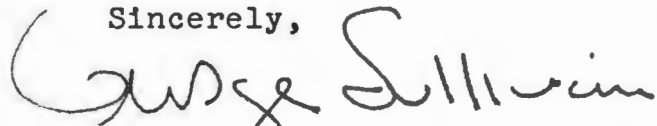
In the article, well known individuals will name their favorite Irish vacations.

Is there a place in Ireland that you may have visited at one time, and for which you have a special regard?

If there is, I'd be grateful if you'd let me know.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,


George Sullivan

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 27, 1982

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Merrill:

Thank you so much for the lovely album of
pictures of Ballyporeen which Nancy Reynolds
has brought to me from you. I'm delighted
to have it, and truly appreciate your thought-
fulness.

As you requested, I am returning an autographed
picture for Matthew Darby, and the sheets of
stamps which Nancy and I have signed.

Again, my heartfelt thanks for your kindness,
and my very best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie O. Merrill
The Downs House
Glen O' The Downs
Delgany, Co. Wicklow
Ireland.

Enclosures

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DALTON, REV.

MEYER, RON

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Elaine:

Nancy Clark Reynolds brought in an album of Ballyporeen which the President is taking to the Residence with him today. The people involved with putting it together asked if the President and Mrs. Reagan would sign the attached sheets of stamps for them. Please ask Mrs. Reagan to sign when she gets a chance.

Please return to me so I can send out with his letter of thanks.

Kathy Osborne

MR. AND MRS. LESLIE O. MERRILL
THE DOWNS HOUSE
GLEN O'THE DOWNS
DELGANY, CO. WICKLOW
IRELAND

*With our compliments, respect
and admiration*

Leslie O. Merrill

Dr. J. J. O'Connell, Dublin

Descriptions, please -

Photo of President -

"Thank you, Matt for the
wonderful photographs of Billy Power."

4 photo. of White House steps
(10 & 20¢) autographed by
Mrs Reagan

(1 for Ron Mercer - designer (10¢)
1 for Rev. Dalton (20¢)
1 each (10 & 20¢) for Merrill

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November 22, 1982

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Dear Friends:

Thank you very much for the beautiful Irish porcelain container which Mr. Frank Brittain sent to me on your behalf following his visit to Ballyporeen. You can imagine how delighted I was to receive it. Your gift certainly will be a prized memento from my paternal ancestors' birthplace.

With my deep appreciation for your special thoughtfulness, and with warmest best wishes,

Sincerely,

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RONALD REAGAN

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Staff of The Ronald Reagan
Gift Shop
c/o Mr. John O'Farrell
Ballyporeen, County Tipperary
Ireland.

✓ cc: Mr. Frank D. Brittain

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Gift - Irish porcelain Container

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11/22/82 Presidential to Frank D. Brittain also attached

November 22, 1982

Dear Mr. Brittain:

President Reagan asked me to thank you for sending him the lovely porcelain container from the Staff of The Ronald Regan Gift Shop in Ballyporeen. He very much appreciates your kindness in seeing that this remembrance from his friends in Ireland reached him safely.

It was also good of you to share your suggestion with the President. You can be sure he is grateful for the selfless concern that prompted your note.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Mr. Frank D. Brittain
351 Pond View
Saline, Michigan 48176

DRAFT/Date Oct. 29, 82

RR/ CMF

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With my deep appreciation for your special thoughtfulness, and with warmest best wishes, ~~in which Nancy joins.~~

Sincerely,

RR

Staff of The Ronald Regan
Gift Shop
c/o Mr. John O'Farrell
Ballyporeen, County Tipperary
Ireland

RR/CMF/MP/AVH

cc: Mr. Frank D. Brittain (351 Pond View, Saline, Michigan 48176); to be included with AH reply to him.

DRAFT/Date Oct 29, 82
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AH/CMF/MP/AVH

Tel: Ballyporeen 33

The Ronald Regan Gift Shop,
Ballyporeen,
Co. Tipperary.

10-6-82

Mrs President -

The people of send you our
warmest regards and best wishes.

God Bless.

John O'Savell

Frank D. Brittain

351 Pond View

Saline, Mich 48176

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Saline, Michigan 48176

10-11-82

Dear Mr. President -

A thought came to me when I was
in Ireland. Why couldn't we send an
Air Force - plane and pick up 52 (half)
boys (half girls) illegitimate children in
that town (who have no country) and
bring them to each other's country.

A. Brittain of Michigan

~~YtH~~

God Bless

Frank D. Brittain



I do it all



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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET☐ O - OUTGOING☐ H - INTERNAL☐ I - INCOMINGDate Correspondence
Received (YY/MM/DD) 1/1/83

Name of Correspondent: Patrick V. Hannon

☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) (B) (C)

Subject: Monument to the President on
an area of land in Ballygreen,
Co. Tipperary, Ireland

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

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to be used as Enclosure

I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
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S - For Signature
X - Interim Reply

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 22, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR DIANNA G. HOLLAND

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*
SUBJECT: Patrick V. Hannon Proposal

Mr. Hannon has written Mr. Fielding, reiterating a request that the President endorse his proposal to erect a monument to American Presidents of Irish ancestry, to be built in President Reagan's ancestral village of Ballyporeen. I returned Mr. Hannon's calls in connection with this matter on March 18, and advised him that the President could not endorse his project or become involved with it in any way. Mr. Hannon, an enthusiastic supporter of the President, accepted this conclusion and the wisdom of the policy underlying it. I do not think any further response is necessary.



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15/March 1983

Fred F. Fielding,
Counsel to the President,
The White House,
Washington,
USA.

Roberts
3/17

Dear Mr. Fielding,

I enclose a presentation to the President, which I hope he might consider accepting. It is a contract to transfer a small area of land in Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary, Ireland, which is belonging to me, but which forms part of the homeland of Michael Regan and Catherine Mulcahy, the President's Great-Grandparents.

I am hoping to promote a monument to the President on this land. This monument will be in the form of a lifesize statue of President Reagan with surrounding parklands, footpaths and so on.

The small area of land plus a copy of the family tree (enclosed, and designed by a local Irish artist) will be sold for \$10 each. When enough monies have been collected, the monument will be begun. Any profits will be donated to charity. This is not a commercial venture. It is to promote tourism in Ireland and to help us through what is possibly the worst recession this country has suffered since the days of the famine.

In my opinion the only thing we have to offer here, which cannot be bettered anywhere else in the world, is Irish hospitality. Hence I am promoting tourism and I believe the idea I have outlined in my letter has marvellous potential. Anyone who buys an area of land will have his/her name inscribed on one of the footpaths leading to the monument. We hope these people will then come to Ireland to see the monument and their name. Would the President be good enough to consider meeting me to discuss giving this project his blessing. There are 30 million Americans in the USA, with claim to Irish ancestry! By helping us here in Ireland, the President would most certainly be gaining their favour, politically.

I visited The White House during July 1981 and personally handed over a letter for the President's attention. You replied in August 1981 stating that the President could not endorse any commercial venture. I have now shown that this is not a commercial venture and would appreciate your further consideration. Ireland needs the President's help.

I am currently promoting tourism in Ireland on another project. I have worked on this solidly for the last three years and now it is about to come to fruition. It is a £17 million holiday village on a small island, Horse Island, just off the southwest coast of Cork. I enclose a newspaper cutting. This has been an expensive promotion for me and has involved a great deal of hard work, but I have now succeeded.

I have also invested money on the Ballyporeen project, but if I can make things work for Ireland, if I can succeed, then this is immaterial.

Time is all important. I should like to begin marketing this immediately, as I believe many Irish-Americans would like the opportunity of taking part in my scheme, purchasing a plot/family tree/ contract and giving these as a St.

Patrick's day present.

I would greatly appreciate an early reply and would state that I should be prepared to travel to Washington at short notice, if you think that there is any chance that President Reagan would be prepared to meet me.

Yours most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Patrick V. Hannon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick V. Hannon

in the presence of:

COPY

July 27, 1983

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Republic of Ireland

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June 24, 1983

John R. Simpson, Director
United States Secret Service
Suite 800
1800 G Street
Washington, D.C. 20223

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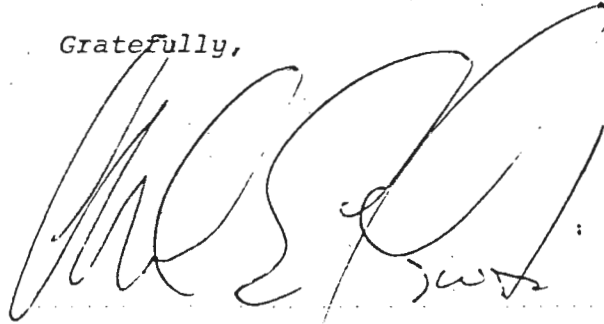
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Ballyporeen, County Tipperary
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Gratefully,



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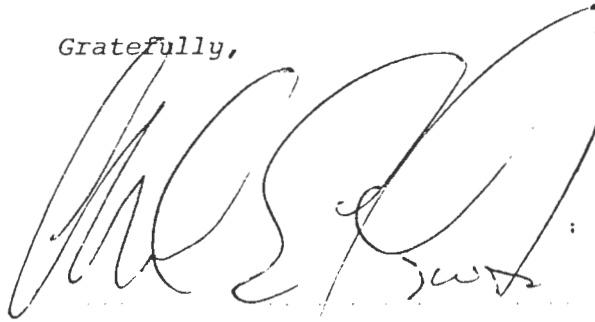
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