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TO AMEMBASSY DUBLIN IMMEDIATE 9982

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TAGS:UR, EI, PDIP

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR FORMER IRISH  
PRIME MINISTER HAUGHEY

1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE  
PRESIDENT TO FORMER IRISH PRIME MINISTER HAUGHEY (THERE  
WILL BE NO RPT NO SIGNED ORIGINAL):

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. HAUGHEY:

AS YOU TAKE LEAVE OF YOUR OFFICE AS PRIME MINISTER OF  
IRELAND, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY HOW MUCH I HAVE VALUED  
OUR EXCELLENT RELATIONS, WHICH HAVE REFLECTED THE ENDURING  
FRIENDSHIP OF THE IRISH AND AMERICAN PEOPLES.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.

SINCERELY,

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

RONALD REAGAN

END TEXT.

2. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT  
WISHES TO DO SO.

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TO AMEMBASSY DUBLIN IMMEDIATE 1274

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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 3/9/01 (HOLMES, H. ALLEN)  
TAGS: US, EI, PPDC  
SUBJECT: LETTERS FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO PRIME MINISTER  
HAUGHEY AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER FITZGERALD

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM  
THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER HAUGHEY.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

YOU HAVE MY CONGRATULATIONS ON THE FORMING OF YOUR  
GOVERNMENT, AND THE BEST WISHES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
AS YOU TAKE UP THE BURDENS OF OFFICE.

NANCY AND I ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOU BEING WITH  
US AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON MARCH 17, A JOYOUS ANNIVERSARY  
FOR THE IRISH AND AMERICANS TOGETHER.

WITH MY VERY BEST WISHES,

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

SINCERELY,

RONALD W. REAGAN

END TEXT.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD AT THE SAME TIME DELIVER THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO FORMER PRIME MINISTER  
FITZGERALD.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER,

AS YOU RELINQUISH THE PREMIERSHIP, I WANT YOU

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TO KNOW HOW MUCH I HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU . I  
ESPECIALLY WANT TO REITERATE MY THANKS FOR THE WARM  
RECEPTION WHICH YOU EXTENDED TO BILL CLARK LAST DECEMBER.  
IT WAS CHARACTERISTIC OF IRISH HOSPITALITY, AND REFLECTED  
THE CLOSE FEELING OF OUR TWO PEOPLES.

WITH MY VERY BEST WISHES,

SINCERELY,

RONALD W. REAGAN

END TEXT.  
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O 070144Z APR 82  
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TO AMEMBASSY DUBLIN IMMEDIATE 1412

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: US, EI, PPDG

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER  
HAUGHEY. (S/S 8209342)

1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING TEXT OF APRIL 2 LETTER  
FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO PRIME MINISTER HAUGHEY. SIGNED  
ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

HIS EXCELLENCY  
CHARLES J. HAUGHEY  
PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND  
DUBLIN

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

NANCY AND I WERE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU AND MAUREEN TO  
THE WHITE HOUSE AND TO HAVE THE DISTINCT PLEASURE OF ENTER-  
TAINING YOU ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT  
YOU BOTH ENJOYED YOUR VISIT AS MUCH AS WE DID.

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

I AM INDEED PLEASED TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET  
WITH YOU SOON AFTER YOUR ELECTION AS PRIME MINISTER. I

FEEL THAT OUR TALKS WERE PARTICULARLY REWARDING, AND I WANT  
TO REAFFIRM OUR CLOSE AND TRUSTING RELATIONSHIP. I LOOK  
FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE PERIOD AHEAD ON MATTERS  
OF INTEREST TO BOTH OUR COUNTRIES.

NANCY AND I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS IN BRINGING US  
THE VERY THOUGHTFUL GIFTS. I CAN'T BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW  
PROUD I AM TO HAVE THE IMPRESSIVELY FRAMED PHOTOGRAPHIC MAP  
OF THE MIDLANDS OF IRELAND DEPICTING THE AREA OCCUPIED BY  
MY PATERNAL ANCESTORS. I SHALL CERTAINLY TREASURE THIS  
SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE. THANK YOU, TOO, FOR THE IRISH CRYSTAL  
BOWL FILLED WITH TRADITIONAL SHAMROCKS, AND YOUR INSCRIBED  
PHOTOGRAPH. NANCY HAS BEEN ENJOYING THE BEAUTIFUL IRISH

TABLE LINENS AND WE'RE BOTH DELIGHTED WITH THE HANDSOME  
COPY OF THE LAND OF IRELAND. WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU  
FOR THESE REMINDERS OF YOUR PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP.

NANCY JOINS ME IN SENDING YOU AND MAUREEN OUR WARMEST  
REGARDS AND BEST WISHES.

SINCERELY,

RONALD REAGAN

END TEXT.  
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