

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MAY 27 1975

Dear John:

I have your letter and, of course, I understand and sympathize with the personal considerations which prompt you to present your resignation at this time. It is, however, with regret that I accept it effective June 30, 1975, the date on which your special responsibilities concerned with the Irish Presidency of the European Economic Community will terminate.

You have served as our Ambassador to Ireland longer than any previous Ambassador. In the course of your mission, you have contributed notably to the improvement of understanding between the United States and Ireland, a country which is highly important to our culture, economy and politics.

The creation of a cultural and public affairs program in our Embassy has been particularly productive, and I note with special pleasure that through the Embassy's efforts Ireland's first professorship of American History has been established at the National University, financed by private American contributions. This chair is a most appropriate achievement in our Bicentennial Year.

I also want to make special mention of your leadership role in negotiating the bilateral Civil Aviation Agreement in 1973 which brought to a successful and amicable conclusion two decades of our government's efforts to obtain landing rights for United States airlines in Dublin.

I welcome this opportunity, not only to congratulate you on these achievements, but to also express my personal appreciation for your many other services to our Nation. You may be sure you take with you my very best wishes for every happiness and success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

The Honorable John D. J. Moore
American Ambassador
Dublin



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

Embassy Dublin

May 20, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for receiving me on my recent visit. Your thoughtful and sympathetic words meant a great deal to me.

As you know, I wish to relinquish the Office of Ambassador to Ireland, in the conduct of which my dear wife Mary played such an important role. Accordingly, I submit my resignation to be effective at your convenience.

It has been a most rewarding responsibility to represent the United States in Ireland at this time and I shall always be grateful for the opportunity to serve as Ambassador under you and President Nixon. If at any time I can serve you, I will proudly respond to your call.

This letter brings to you my thanks for the confidence you have reposed in me and my fervent wish and belief that your Presidency will bring peace and progress to our beloved Country and health and happiness to you and Mrs. Ford and your family.

Respectfully yours,

John D. J. Moore
Ambassador

The President,

The White House,

Washington, D.C. 20500.