

Dear Sir

Thank you very much for your letter of May 1, 1961. I need hardly tell you how deeply touched I was by the fact that you had written to me at all, and even more so by the kind and generous sentiments expressed in your letter. I was glad to learn that my evidence at the Presidential habeas corpus trial had been of material assistance to the Court.

The decision of the Special Court brought to a happy ending what had been a very trying period for all concerned and not least, I am sure, for the judges who had to deliberate carefully every word uttered either by the Government or the defence. If I may so, I think the whole trial proved once more, in their determination to uphold the principles of justice and fair play, I wish I could say that about all aspects of our national life!

Thank you for your congratulations in connection with the honorary degree. I feel that this was not merely a personal honour but a tribute to all our white students in the country who have to make such sacrifices to get a university education.

I shall certainly take advantage of your kind invitation when next I am in Dublin, and will drop you a line now and again.

Thanking you again for your kind letter, I remain
Yours sincerely
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