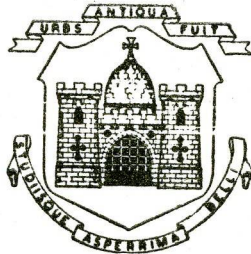


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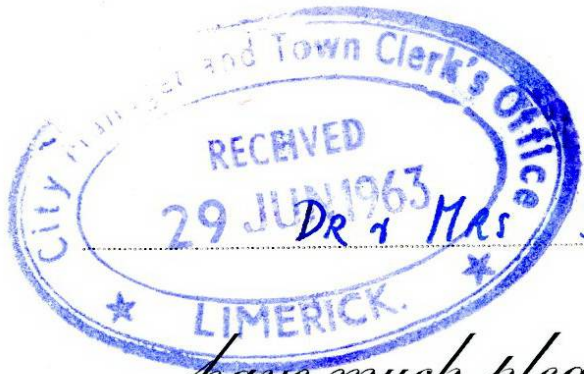
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Kaptain & Mrs Paul Darcey
wish to thank the
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the Corporation of Limerick
for their kind invitation to
the ceremony of the Presentation
of the Freedom of the City of
Limerick to His Excellency
John Fitzgerald Kennedy
President of the United States
of America.
and to say that it will
give them much pleasure
to attend

28.6.63.



have much pleasure in accepting

*The Mayor and the Corporation of Limerick's
kind invitation for the ceremony of
the presentation of the Freedom of the City
to President Kennedy.*

Acceptance

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Mrs C. Stearns (essent)

will

have much pleasure in
accepting your kind invitation

To Glenside Park Racetrack

Or Set: June 29th

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PARTEN

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an zcuireadú ius beirí n táirgí mara
a baintear Saorise Onórach na
Cairde ar an Maicarán Ó Cinnéide.

Is mise,
Pádraig Ó Cinnéide.

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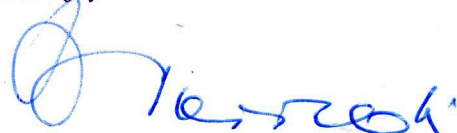
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Mr. T.P. MacDiarmada,
City Manager,
Arus na Cathrac,
LIMERICK.

Dear Manager,

I have to acknowledge with thanks the kind invitation issued by the Mayor and Corporation of Limerick, for the attendance of Mrs. Herriott and myself at the ceremony on the 29th instant, and wish to state that both of us hope to be present on this memorable occasion.

Yours sincerely,



LIMERICK METHODIST CHURCH

*Rev. Raymond W. Mason,
Atlantis,
South Circular Road,
Limerick.*

Telephone:
44696



June 27th, 1963

The Mayor and Corporation of Limerick.

The Rev. Raymond Mason thanks
the Mayor and Corporation for the
invitation to the ceremony on Saturday
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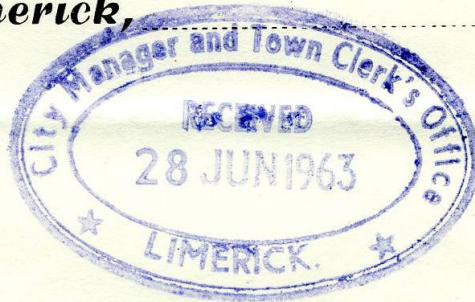
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T.F. McDermott
City Manager
Town Hall
Limerick.



Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for kind invitation received .

My wife and I will be delighted to be present at the ceremony of the presentation of the Freedom of the City of Limerick to His Excellency John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States of America.

Yours sincerely

James K. Thompson



Udarás Sláinte Luimnín

(LIMERICK HEALTH AUTHORITY)

104 Henry Street,
Limerick

27th June, 1963

Telephone Nos. :

46655 : 46701 : 46812

Our Ref.....

Your Ref.....

Mr. T. F. McDermott,
City Manager,
Town Hall,
Limerick.



Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in accepting the kind invitation of the Mayor and Corporation of Limerick to be present at the ceremony of the presentation of the Freedom of the City of Limerick to His Excellency, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States of America, which will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, 29th June, 1963.

I am deeply thankful for the invitation.

Yours faithfully,

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June 27, 1963



Mr & Mrs P. Comyn have much pleasure in accepting your invitation to be present at the ceremony of the presentation of the Freedom of the City of Limerick to His Excellency, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States of America, at Greenpark Racecourse on Saturday next, 29th June.

20th May, 1963.

Excellency,

I have seen the published itinerary for the visit to Ireland of President Kennedy in the latter half of June. I note with dismay that Limerick, the third City of the Republic, has not been included.

Permit me to convey to Your Excellency the concern and feelings of regret of the citizens at the non-inclusion of a visit to Limerick in the programme, especially as it is the intention of the President to depart for the United States from Shannon.

I am sure the matter is still open for consideration and would respectfully suggest that you use your good offices to ensure a visit to Limerick, to enable the Corporation and citizens of Limerick to pay tribute to President Kennedy. It is the wish of the Limerick City Council that your distinguished leader should be honoured with the Freedom of the City.

Arrangements for a visit to Limerick can be speedily made. A stadium is available on the outskirts of the city on the Limerick/Ennis Road, namely the G.A.A. grounds on the Ennis Road, Limerick. This stadium is shown, coloured red, on the enclosed plan. By road it is approximately 14 miles from Shannon; as the crow flies, six or seven miles.

I confidently leave this matter in the hands of your Excellency, in the knowledge that the desire of the citizens to do honour to the President will not be overlooked.

I had already been in touch with the Department of External Affairs in the matter and I am sending the Minister a copy of this communication and enclosure for his information.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mayor of Limerick.

His Excellency Mr. Matthew McCloskey,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
American Embassy,
15 Merrion Square,
Dublin.

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

Following the adjournment of the Quarterly Statutory Meeting on Monday the 24th June, 1963, in the County Courthouse, Merchant's Quay, Limerick, the Limerick City Council sat in committee to discuss the arrangements in connection with the conferring of the Freedom of the City on John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States of America.

The following were present:-

In the Chair: Right Worshipful Cllr. F. Condell, Mayor

Aldermen: J. Carew; S. Coughlan, T.D., and G. E. Russell

Councillors: W. Brazier; J. Danagher; V. Feeney; J. Keane; P. Kelly; P. Kiely; T. Lawlor; F. Leddin; J. P. Liddy; M. Lipper; P. O'Sullivan and J. Reidy.

Officials in attendance included the City Manager and Town Clerk; The City Solicitor; City Engineer; Chief Fire Officer; Architect, Miss M. Shanahan and Messrs. S. Rea and P. Darcy. The Chief Superintendent E. Reynolds and Supt. Murphy of the Garda Síochána were also present.

The Mayor explained that she had had discussions with representatives of the American Embassy, the Dept. of External Affairs, the United States Press Correspondents and American Security Services who had expressed their satisfaction with the proposed arrangements at Greedpark for the conferring ceremony.

Ald. Coughlan suggested that an official photograph of the Council with President Kennedy might be arranged.

The Mayor undertook to take this question up with the authorities in Dublin.

It was agreed that members of the Council assemble at the Town Hall on Saturday morning where they would robe and proceed by motorcade to Greedpark.

The Garda undertook to make official announcements in the Local Press, regarding the arrangements of the routing of traffic and parking on the occasion.

It was indicated that a special car park would be available in the Race Course for guests.

It was agreed that the Mayor would issue an appeal to local traders to close from 12.00 noon to 3.00 p.m.

The City Manager stated that the Corporation and Health Authority would fall in line with the general closing.

The Mayor undertook to contact C.I.E. regarding special bus services.

After some discussion with regard to the Mayor's expenses for the occasion, it was agreed, on the motion of Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Leddin:-

"That the Mayor's salary which was payable at a rate of £1,400 p.a. as from the 1st April, 1963, be approved at this rate in retrospect to the 1st July, 1962, together with an additional £150 expenses."

Submitted statement to the Council with regard to the Mayoral Salary in the year 1961/62.

It was explained that Cllr. Glasgow was elected to the office of Mayor in November of that year, following the resignation of Ald. O'Malley, on his appointment as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance.

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At the time of his resignation, Ald. O'Malley had drawn the full expenses, namely £250. The Council's approval was sought to the payment of £149 to Cllr. Glasgow, being expenses incurred by him during the remainder of the term.

On the motion of Ald. Russell, seconded by Cllr. Leddin, the payment of expenses of £149 to Cllr. Glasgow in the mayoral year 1961/62, was approved.

The meeting then adjourned.

A true record.

Tomas P MacDiarmada.

List of Invitees to the Ceremony of the Presentation of Freedom of the City to
His Eminence Cardinal Browne.

CLERGY:

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Reg.
Hosp.

- ✓ His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. H. Murphy, Bishop of Limerick.
- ✓ His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Wyse-Jackson, Bishop of Limerick
- ✓ Right Rev. Dom J. Dowdall, O.S.B., Abbot of Glenstal
- ✓ Right Rev. Mons. Hannon, P.P., Newcastle West, Vicar General
- ✓ Right Rev. Mons. Moloney, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's
- Very Rev. Canon P. Lee, St. Mary's
- Very Rev. Fr. Rea, St. Patrick's
- Very Rev. Fr. O'Sullivan, Janesboro'
- Very Rev. Fr. ^{Sallaghan} ~~Greedy~~, Adm., St. John's
- Rev. Fr. Lyons, Adm., St. Michael's
- ✓ Rev. Fr. O'Neill, Prior, Dominicans
- Rev. Fr. J. Moloney, Prov. C.S.S.R.
- Rev. Fr. F. Joy, S.J., Rector, Sacred Heart Church (J.R. Murray, S.J.)
- Rev. J. Lyons, O.S.A., Prior, St. Augustine's
- Rev. Fr. Raphael Clynes, O.F.M., Guardian, Franciscans
- Rev. Bro. White, Superior, Christian Brothers
- ✓ Very Rev. Dean Talbot, The Deanery, Ennis Road
- ✓ Rev. Mr. W. Mills, 92 Mayorstone
- ✓ Rev. Mr. J. Mason, Atlantis, S.C. Road
- ✓ Rev. Mr. Allen, 12 Greenpark View, Ballinacurra
- ✓ ~~Very Rev. M. Browne, P.P., Ballymore Eustace~~
- ✓ Very Rev. Canon Punch, P.P. Raheen, Mungret
- Very Rev. Canon Cowpar, Kilmallock
- Rev. Fr. Breen, President, St. Munchin's College
- Rev. Fr. McNamee, Chaplain, Regional Hospital, Dooradoyle
- Rev. Fr. McNiffe, Rector, C.S.S.R.
- ✓ ~~Ven. Archdeacon Hewetson Jones, M.A., St. Munchin's Rectory~~
- Very Rev. Canon R. Nash, Shannon Drive, Corbally
- Very Rev. J. Price, M.A., Osma. O'Connell Avenue
- ✓ Very Rev. Fr. Coffey, O.P., Provincial, Dublin

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Rev. P. O'Callaghan.

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Very Rev. F. Canon Rice, P.P., V.F. Foynes

Very Rev. D. Canon Fitzgerald, P.P., Kildimo

Very Rev. Canon Kelly, P.P., Rockhill, Bruree

STATE:

- ✓ Mr. S. McEntee, T.D., Minister for Health and Mrs. McEntee ✓
- ✓ Mr. D. B. O'Malley, T.D., Parliamentary Sec. to the Minister for Finance ✓
- Mr. S. Coughlan, T.D.
- Mr. J. J. Collins, T.D.
- ✓ Mr. D. O Briain, T.D.
- Mr. D. Jones, T.D.
- Mr. T. O'Donnell, T.D.
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- Supt. J. Murphy, G.S.
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- Mr. D.J.O'Malley, City Coroner
- ✓ Mr. B. O'Regan, Chairman, Shannon Airport Dev.Authority ✓
- Mr. P. Quigley, General Manager, Shannon Airport Dev.Authority
- Mr. T. Nally, Airport Manager
- ✓ ~~Mr. D.F.Gleeson, District Justice~~ ✓
- ✓ ~~Mr. Justice Barra O Briain~~ ✓
- Mr. Hugh Hogan, Inspector of Taxes
- Mr. Gibney, Station Manager, Aer Lingus
- Mr. McCreery

LOCAL:

- ✓ Mr. T. F. McDermott
- ✓ Mr. D. F. Donovan
- Mr. C. Stenson
- Mr. W. Dundon
- Mr. S. O. P. O'Callaghan
- Mr. T. Collery
- Mr. J. McHugh
- Mr. P. Harnett
- Dr. R. Hayes
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- Dr. J. Nash
- Dr. N. B. O'Higgins
- Dr. C. Molony
- ✕ Mr. M. P. Finnan, Pres. Trade and Labour Co.
- Mr. P. G. Collier, District Manager, E.S.B.
- Mr. J. F. Higgins, Area Manager, C.I.E.

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Mr. P. J. Meghan

Mr. Ml. Meghan, President, Junior Chamber of Commerce

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Dr. T. M. Quinlan, Asst. C.M.O., Limerick Health Authority

Mr. Ml. Madden, Staff Officer, Limerick Health Authority

Mr. G. Ahern, Co. Engineer, Limerick Co. Council

^{SA}
~~Mr.~~ P. Maguire, Chairman, Bord na gCon, 104 Henry St., Limerick

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Mr. P. J. Kennedy, do.

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Dr. I. Holloway

Mr. J. P. Kelly, Regional Orth. Surgeon, Orth. Hospital, Croom

Dr. D. Shorten, Regional Hospital

Dr. M. Curtin, Regional Hospital

Dr. V. McDermott, do.

Dr. J.P. Murray, do.

Dr. M. J. G. Furnell, do.

M: B. Piggott, 58 O'Connell St.

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5th July, 1963.

F. C. Thompson, Esq.,
43, Roches Street,
LIMERICK.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Thank you very much indeed for your kind letter in connection with the visit of President Kennedy to Limerick on Saturday last.

The fact that arrangements for the visit were so successful was due in no small measure, to the whole-hearted co-operation which we received from firms and individuals such as yourself.

Thank you very much indeed for the five cars which you placed at our disposal, free of charge. Your generous and greatly appreciated action, has been brought to the notice of the members of the City Council.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

City Manager.

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M r. T.F. McDermott

City Manager Town Hall Limerick



Dear Mr. McDermott,

Heartiest congratulations to you and your staff for the wonderful arrangements at Greenpark Racecourse re President Kennedy's visit to Limerick. It was indeed something to be long remembered.

In connection with the five cars we supplied to convey your good self, The Mayor, and Members of Limerick Corporation. We will be very pleased if you accept the provision of these vehicles ~~free of charge~~ on this historic occasion.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

For C. Thompson & Sons

Mr
acknowledged
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Miss Sheehan

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John
7/1/63

Limerick Licensed Vintners Association

ADARE BUILDINGS,
1 SARSFIELD STREET, LIMERICK

26th September, 1963

The City Manager,
Town Hall,
Limerick.



Dear Sir,

At a Meeting of the Committee of the above Association held on 2nd September, it was stated that the Chairman, or any member of the Committee of this Association, did not receive an invitation to the Reception held in connection with the visit of President Kennedy to Limerick in June.

It was pointed out that numerous individuals received invitations and it was taken in bad part that nobody was invited to represent Licensed Trade of the City. This Association has been established for many years and Licensed Traders represent a substantial part of the business life of the City. There are, in all, about two hundred Licensed Traders in Limerick, and including their families they represent a sizeable section of the community.

The Association wish to put this matter on record. It is late perhaps to be raising the matter now but there were no Meetings of the Committee during the holiday period, viz. June, July and August.

Yours faithfully,
For LIMERICK LICENSED VINTNERS' ASSOCIATION.

Thomas Long
Secretary.

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27/9/63

PRESENTATION OF FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF LIMERICK TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

1. Guests will proceed to Greenpark Racecourse via O'Connell Avenue and Ballinacurra and enter by main gate. The enclosed invitation card admits through the enclosure gate to which guests will be directed by the Gardai on duty.
2. The invitation card must be available for check at the enclosure gate. Cards bearing a green bar must be presented to the stewards inside the enclosure. Cards bearing a red bar must be presented to the stewards at the Official platform.
3. ~~The enclosed disc must be displayed on the windscreen of your car to enable you to bring the car into the reserved car park.~~
4. In view of the short notice given of President Kennedy's visit, and in order to facilitate the movement of traffic, guests are specially requested to comply with the above directions.

(202)

The Mayor and Corporation of Limerick
request the honour of the Company of

at the ceremony of the presentation of the Freedom
of the City of Limerick to His Excellency John
Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States
of America, which will take place in the open air
at Greenpark Racecourse at 1 p.m. on Saturday, 29th
June, 1963.

R. S. V. P.
to City Manager, Town Hall.

Gold type on white paper with either a red or a green bar on top left-hand corner

Red bar for guests on official platform.

Green bar for guests flanking official platform.

PRESENTATION OF FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF LIMERICK TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

~~At the gate~~

1. The enclosed invitation card admits through the ~~back entrance to the Racecourse at Greenpark Avenue, South Circular Road.~~ *enclosure gate which is close to ~~enclosure gate~~ the back entrance to the Racecourse.*
2. The invitation card must be available for check *at the end gate* Gate and subsequently presented to the stewards at the ~~entrance to the enclosure and/or Official Platform.~~ *inside the enclosure.*
3. The enclosed disc must be displayed on the windscreen of your car to enable you to bring the car into the ~~Racecourse.~~ *Reserved car park.*
4. **Reply** ^(S) In order to facilitate the movement of traffic all guests are respectfully requested to etc. *at the entrance to the Presidential platform.*

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ADDRESS TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Mr. President, I wonder if it is possible for you to realise the great privilege and honour it is for me, on behalf of my fellow Councillors, Citizens and all those present here this afternoon, to welcome you to our City and County of Limerick.

Your unexpected but sincerely hoped for decision to come to Limerick was acclaimed with the widest jubilation and we thank you warmly, Sir, for changing your plans at the last moment to permit us this privilege and the joy of meeting you and the other members of your family, on our own soil.

I am well aware that His Excellency, your Ambassador, Mr. McCloskey, played a very important and effective part in your granting us this honour. I wish to thank him for his understanding and patient bearing with me in allowing me to use him as an Ambassadorial pin-cushion, whom I kept on prodding to renew our request to the White House, that you come to visit us. Is it any wonder that the dear man eventually said in exasperation - Heaven protect me from a persistent woman. I hope that your Ambassador has forgiven me by this time and that you, now, understand with him, Sir, that our enthusiasm to have you come to Limerick was set alight and fanned by a true Irish wind of affection and admiration blowing across the Atlantic to you, with the force of a great hereditary

pride which we have in the Leadership you are displaying and in your endeavours to accomplish the aims so dear to all Irish hearts, at home and abroad.

While listening in awed admiration to your speeches in Germany on Wednesday last and later upon your arrival in Dublin, my mind was directed towards your 3 - fold headings, which you gave as reasons for your work and visit to Europe.

We in Ireland owe much to the 3-fold reasoning of another man, who returned to Ireland to give us a Faith and a Freedom of mind, for which you and me, Sir, are proud to continue fighting and to practise in our lives.

I refer, of course, to our Irish Saint Patrick and to the legend of the Shamrock with its three leaves, growing from one stem.

As I listened to you, Mr. President, I could not but interpret your reasoning to a modern idea based on the symbol of the shamrock and our Christian belief; that you and your people with us, see three good reasons for good living, for determined unity and for working together towards world peace. Three good reasons springing from our common hereditary stem, which inspire us towards your aims and the aims of all free people, which we hope you will achieve, Sir, as St. Patrick did in the name of God.

In welcoming you here on this Racecourse, Mr. President, I would like you to know that we of Limerick have a lovely City in there beyond

those fields and trees - a City of which we are very proud, steeped as it is in history and antiquity, with its Charter and its first Mayor reaching back to the year 1197.

It was from our Docks, Sir, that many emigrant ships set sail for your shores and from which point of departure, our people became yours.

That time of great exodus is over, thank God, and I'm sure you will agree with me that you have enough of us over there to keep you happy and to assure you of our faithful support at all times.

The day has come when the point of departure and arrival has transferred itself for us, some 15 miles westward, and in keeping with modern times, to an Airport. Limerick has benefited immeasurably by its close proximity to Shannon Airport which, for the last 18 years, has served as a major international Airport, and as a strong connecting link between our old world and your new one.

Because of our proximity to the Airport, also, we have the pleasure of welcoming each year, many of your fellow countrymen and our returning emigrants. Now, with the setting up of the Industrial Estate at Shannon, in which 5 American firms have established themselves during the past couple of years, we have seen the introduction of a new type of American who is taking his

place in our civic and social life, and who is bringing to our people the skills and techniques of industry.

We welcome you, Sir, on their behalf, as we welcome them on your behalf, and we trust that you will use your influence to send many more industrialists like them, not alone to Shannon but to our City of Limerick. I assure you that we shall be very pleased to see a concentration of American Industry in Limerick, and in its contiguous area - just to help us in this "levelling up and not down", as you so aptly said in Germany.

You see, Mr. President, we the women of Limerick and County, feel that we have a special claim on you! We claim the Fitzgerald in you, and are extremely proud of your heritage. Over there, you see a large number of your relatives and connections, who have come to greet you - on the distaff side. As a matter of fact, there is only one Kennedy amongst them, Sean, who felt so strongly about you and America that he wrote an American history in which he forecast many years ago, that you would become President of the United States. These good people have come to show our Limerick claim on you, and by their presence, they prove that the Fitzgeralds are proud of their own ROSE and her dynamic father, Honey Fitz., your reputable and colourful and most successful Grandfather.

But in talking so much of the Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys, we must not forget one, another woman, who is dear to our hearts - your lovely wife, Jacqueline. We shall be very pleased if you will take back with you over the Atlantic, warmest greetings, Irish prayers and thoughts from the mothers of Limerick City and County especially, to her whose gracious Motherhood and wifely devotion and help to you, has endeared her to us all.

You and your wife and family, have become a symbol to us here in this country, and an example of family life based on Irish heritage.

We mothers, especially, Sir, only excuse your not bringing your charming Jackie with you to Ireland for the excellent reason that she has for staying at home. We women know that, however demanding your Presidential commitments may be and the urgency for you to move on, we can only interpret part of that haste to your understandable longing to be back home with her again at this time, and we know that she too, is counting the hours of your return again to her and your children.

Anois, a Uachtarain Uasail, ní ga dom-sa a ra meid an fhailte ata romhat anso, o gach duine ata i lathair, ins gach sraidbhaile, baile agus cathair.

Is onoir dom-sa, mar Maor Luimni, ní amhain Failte ui Cheallaigh do chuir romhat, ach Failte ui Chinneide and Mhic Ghearailt chomh maith.

Beannacht De ort-sa, a Uachtarain Uasail agus do bhean-sa agus ar do leanai. Bail O Dhia ort agus ar do churaim, ar do chuid oibre agus ar an rod ata romhat i gcónaí.

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On behalf of my fellow Councillors and Citizens, I ask you, Mr. President, to accept the Honorary Freedom of our City of Limerick, in our full recognition of the great honour you have done us in coming to visit us, and in support of your distinguished Leadership in aims vital, necessary, united and determined.

May God bless you and your family. May your work for Him, and of Him through you, have all the blessings that the prayers of the Irish people ask of Him for you.

FRANCES CONDELL
MAYOR

Protocol No.13

Department of External Affairs

Protocol

of visit of President Kennedy to Limerick

Saturday, 29th June 1963

1.00 p.m.

1. President Kennedy, accompanied by An Taoiseach and the Presidential Party, will arrive at Limerick by helicopter from Galway at 1.00 p.m. The helicopter will taxi to the designated position on the Race Course in front of the Grand Stand.
2. The Reception Party at the Race Course will consist of Mrs. Frances Condell, Mayor of Limerick, the Most Revd. Dr. Henry Murphy, Bishop of Limerick, the Right Revd. Dr. Wyse-Jackson, Bishop of Limerick, the Right Revd. Dom Dowdall, Lord Abbot of Glenstal, Mr. Donagh O'Malley, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Finance, Mr. T.F. McDermott, Limerick City Manager, Mr. Denis Naughton, Chairman of the Limerick County Council, Mr. T.M. O'Connor, Limerick County Manager, Colonel Fitzsimmons, Officer Commanding Third Brigade, Chief Superintendent Reynolds, Garda Síochána Limerick, and Mr. Brian Ó Ceallaigh, Protocol Officer, Department of External Affairs - 11 persons in all.
3. On alighting from the helicopter, An Taoiseach will present the Mayor of Limerick to the President. The Mayor will then present the other members of the Reception Party to the President.

4. The President and the Taoiseach will be escorted by the Mayor to the platform, which will be located outside the railings of the Grand Stand enclosure. The members (16) of the City Council, the Mayor and the City Manager of Cork, and the Chairman of the Limerick Health Authority will already be assembled (seated) on the platform.

5. The Presidential Party will be escorted by the Reception Party to seats on the platform, while President Kennedy will be shown to a seat at the position on the platform at which the ceremony of conferring the Honorary Freedom of Limerick is to take place. Other persons, who will have come by helicopter, will be conducted to a waiting position (away from the platform).

6. As soon as those on the platform have reached their places, massed bands, assembled on the field, will play the American National Anthem.

7. On the conclusion of the Anthem, when the President is seated, the Mayor will open a special meeting of the Limerick City Council. In accordance with the Council's practice, the meeting will open with a silent prayer, all standing. After the roll call and the reading of the report of the meeting at which the decision to confer the Freedom of the City of Limerick on the President was made, the Mayor will make a short speech. The City Manager will then read the Certificate of Freedom and the Mayor will hand the Certificate of Freedom to the President and declare him to be elected a Freeman of Limerick. The President and the Mayor will then sign the Roll of Freemen. After this, the President will speak. When the President has finished speaking the bands

will play the Irish National Anthem. The Mayor will then bring the meeting to a conclusion and make a presentation to the President of a christening robe of Limerick lace.

8. The President and the Taoiseach will then be accompanied by the Mayor to the steps of the helicopter. They will be followed by the Presidential Party and the Reception Party. Leave will be taken and the President and his party will depart for Shannon Airport at 1.30 p.m.

LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL.

A Special Meeting of the Limerick City Council was held in the open air at Greenpark Race Course Limerick, on a specially erected platform on Saturday the 29th June, 1963.

Roll Call:

The roll was called at 1.00 p.m. the following members being present:-

In the Chair: Right Worshipful Cllr. F. Condell, Mayor.

Aldermen: S. Coughlan, T.D., J. Carew, and G. E. Russell.

Councillors: W. Brazier; J. Danagher; V. Feeney; F. Glasgow; P. Kelly; P. Kiely; T. Lawlor; F. Leddin; J. P. Liddy; M. Lipper; P. O'Sullivan and J. Reidy.

Officers present included the City Manager and Town Clerk; Asst. Town Clerk; Mr. M. Greene, Acting City Engineer; City Accountant; Architect; Staff Officers of the Corporation, etc. etc.

Business:

The conferring of the freedom of the City on His Excellency John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States of America.

The City Manager submitted his report.

The report stated that at a meeting of the City Council held on the 21st June, 1963, it was unanimously agreed that the freedom of the City of Limerick be conferred on his Excellency, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States of America, on the occasion of his forthcoming visit to Limerick. John F. Kennedy was present at this meeting to receive the freedom of the city, sign the roll of freemen and be admitted as a Freeman of Limerick.

The City Manager then read the scroll of freedom.

The Mayor in the course of her speech said it was a great privilege and honour for her, on behalf of her fellow Councillors, citizens and those present, to welcome the President to the city and county of Limerick. The Mayor asked his Excellency to accept the honorary freedom of the City of Limerick, in full recognition of the great honour he had done Limerick in coming to visit the city and in support of his distinguished leadership and aims vital, necessary, united and determined.

The Mayor then presented to his Excellency, the Scroll of Freedom and the casket inscribed in silver.

The President accepted the Freedom of the City and signed the Roll of Freeman.

The President in reply thanked the Mayor for the honour conferred on him. Referring to the Irish in America, the President said, they still retain sentimental affection for this country, and he hoped his visit would remind them, not only of the past, but also that here in Ireland, the words Freedom and independence are the whole sentiments of the nation. These sentiments were stronger than in any part of the world. The President concluded by saying that he held great affection for this country and that he would certainly return in the near future.

The meeting then concluded.

A True Record.

Tomas P MacDiarmada
City Manager and Town Clerk