



31 August 1991

Mr. Janis Jurkans  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
of Latvia

Dear Colleague

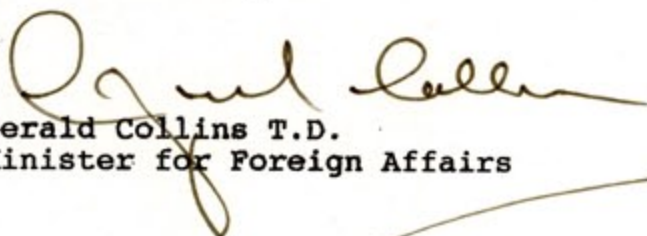
As Foreign Minister of Ireland I was delighted and gratified to have joined with my European Community colleagues at our meeting in Brussels on 27 August in warmly welcoming the restoration of the sovereignty and independence of which Latvia had been deprived in 1940.

As you know Ireland and its partners in the European Community have consistently regarded the democratically elected Parliament and Government of Latvia as the legitimate representation of the People of Latvia.

In order to confirm Ireland's long standing policy towards Latvia, to underline our support for the deepening of your relationship with the European Community and its member States and for your membership of the United Nations and other International Organisations and to discuss ways in which we can promote and advance our new bilateral relationship, I have decided to send H.E. Richard A. O'Brien, Ireland's Ambassador to Poland, as my personal representative to hold discussions with you and to report to me in advance of the meeting on 6th September of the Council of Ministers of the European Community to which you have been invited.

In conclusion permit me to express my appreciation for the courtesies extended to my personal representative and to convey to you my very best wishes for the development of our relations both personal and professional in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely



Gerald Collins T.D.  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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