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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Mr. O'Donnell,

Thank you for your recent email and for your kind invitation for the President to provide a message for the upcoming events that will mark the 70th anniversary of the O'Donnell Clan Association, and the 550th anniversary of the building of Donegal Castle and the foundation of Donegal Abbey, on 8 and 9 June 2024.

President Higgins was delighted to learn that for this weekend's programme, 75 participant members of the O'Donnell Clan Association (ODCA), with many from overseas, will join together with an additional 11 Clans to march with their banners as part of the Rally of the Clans, the first significant mobilisation of such a gathering in over 400 years.

I have the pleasure of enclosing a message that President Higgins issued earlier this year on the occasion of Donegal Town's 550th anniversary.

On behalf of President Higgins, may I express his warm regards to all the members of the O'Donnell Clan Association on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of your organisation. The President hopes that you all have a most memorable and enjoyable weekend of festivities.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Billings
Secretariat