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My DARLING FRANK,

LAST WEEK I SENT OFF A 25 WORD MESSAGE TO YOU THROUGH THE VATICAN BY THE KIND OFFICES OF THE PAPAL NUNCI O AT DUBLIN, DR PASCHAL ROBINSON AND HAVE RECEIVED TWO VERY NICE LETTERS FROM HIM WRITTEN PERSONALLY. WHEN THIS MESSAGE REACHES YOU DEAR ONE, THEN YOU SHALL SEND A SIMILAR REPLY.

I HAVE BEEN HOLIDAYING IN DUBLIN FROM THURSDAY LAST UNTIL SATURDAY. ANNE CAME IN TO THE HOTEL EACH DAY FROM SION HILL. UNA HAD NOT BEEN TOO WELL BUT IS COMING ROUND NICELY. I MISSED SEEING HER BECAUSE OF LENT. GERRY MAGEENIS WAS DOWN & MET ANNE IN THE LOUNGE BUT I MISSED HIM. NAN WAS WITH HIM. ON TUESDAY NEXT I'M OFF TO OMAGH TO COMPLETE MY LEAVE RETURNING ON FRIDAY. THIS IS AN INVITATION FROM MISS M'GUGAN MY SUBSTITUTE. YOU SHALL HAVE ALL DETAILS IN MY NEXT LETTER. THE SHOWS IN DUBLIN WERE POOR. WE WENT TO THE ABBEY & SAW "THE O'LUDDY" IT WAS VERY ORDINARY. THE SECOND NIGHT THE THEATRE ROYAL TRIED TO WIN THE £50 QUIZ.

FRANCES IS ILL WITH 'FLU' & THE DOCTOR WITH HER. I BOUGHT HER BABE TO BE A LITTLE PINK EIDERDOWN & GAVE IT FROM US BOTH. SHE WAS THRILLED ABOUT IT & SAID IT WAS & WILL BE THE NICEST PRESENT SHE WILL GET.

I HAVE COMPLETED THE 9 DAY NOVENA OF GRACE TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIERS (MASSES & HOLY COMMUNIONS) AND ALL FOR OUR JOINT INTENTIONS. NOW I AM IN THE MIDDLE OF ONE TO STS PATRICK AND JOSEPH.

HOW IS YOUR HEART THESE TIMES MY OWN DARLING BOY? WHEN IS YOUR FIRST LETTER GOING TO COME? IT IS NOW 13 MONTHS SINCE YOUR LAST LETTER. I AM STILL READING YOUR OLD LETTERS AND KNOW THEM OFF BY HEART.

OUR BOTTOM DRAWER HAD A RECENT ADDITION. GUESS WHAT? CLOTHES PEGS!! I CAN ALMOST SEE THE FAMILY WASHING BLOWING IN THE WIND - A SIGHT I LOVE TO SEE. I HAD MASS SAID IN THANKSGIVING LAST WEEK. I AM SO GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS TO US BOTH. MAY HE CONTINUE TO BESTOW HIS BLESSINGS UPON US BUT ESPECIALLY MAY HE BRING US TOGETHER SOON, BLESS OUR LOVE AND BLESS OUR MARRIAGE  
YOU HAVE ALL MY LOVE DEAREST FRANK  
GOD BLESS YOU  
YOUR LOVING EILEEN.