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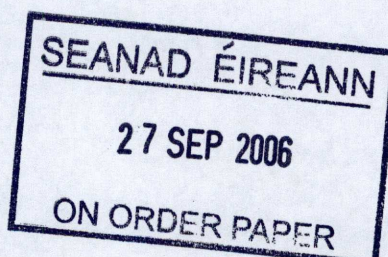
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Ms. [REDACTED]
Librarian.



I would be obliged if you would arrange to have the enclosed Report received today from Mr Justice Robert Barr, Sole Member of the Tribunal of Inquiry (*into the facts and circumstances surrounding the fatal shooting of John Carthy at Abbeylara, Co. Longford*) laid before the Dáil and Seanad as soon as possible.

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Tribunal of Inquiry

(Into the facts and circumstances surrounding the fatal shooting of John Carthy at Abbeylara, Co. Longford on 20th April, 2000)

Sole member:

The Honourable Mr. Justice Robert Barr

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20th July, 2006

Mr. [REDACTED],
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Re: Tribunal of Inquiry set up pursuant to the Tribunal of Inquiry (Evidence) Acts 1921 – 2002 by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform consequent upon Resolutions of Dáil and Seanad Éireann on respectively 17th and 18th April, 2002 to inquire into, *inter alia*, the facts and circumstances surrounding the fatal shooting of John Carthy at Abbeylara, Co. Longford on 20th April, 2000; to report thereon to the Clerk of Dáil Éireann and to make such findings and recommendations as it sees fit in relation to these matters.

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

I am pleased to inform you that the work of the Tribunal is completed. My report has been prepared based upon the evidence adduced over a period of 208 hearing days in which 169 witnesses testified *viva voce*. By agreement, written statements made by certain other witnesses were admitted in evidence without formal proof.

The report contains, *inter alia*, an analysis of relevant evidence, including international expert advice and testimony; my conclusions and recommendations based thereon; an assessment of existing statute law regarding sporting guns and proposed amendments thereto. The Tribunal also examined and ruled upon complaints made to it about Radio Telefís Éireann and Independent Newspapers regarding the contents of respectively a radio broadcast and an article published in the Sunday Independent about matters of concern to the Tribunal. Both are unrelated to each other, but occurred while the Inquiry was at hearing.

I enclose ^{six} ~~three~~ copies of the Tribunal's report. As arranged, 300 copies for distribution to members of the Oireachtas are being delivered to you also on this date. Copies are being made available now to parties who participated in the Inquiry, to the media and also to members of the public through Government Publications.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
Chairman of the Tribunal



**REPORT OF THE TRIBUNAL OF INQUIRY INTO THE
FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE
FATAL SHOOTING OF JOHN CARTHY AT ABBEYLARA,
CO. LONGFORD ON 20TH APRIL, 2000**

Set up Pursuant to the Tribunal of Inquiry (Evidence) Acts 1921 - 2002

CHAIRMAN:

The Honourable Mr. Justice Robert Barr

Solicitor to the Tribunal: John V. Nolan

Registrar to the Tribunal: John McGreevy