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Ms. Mary McGuire Meetings Administrator Corporate Services South Dublin County Council County Hall, Tallaght Dublin 24 Ireland

Dear Ms. Maguire:

Mr. Daniel Rooney, Ambassador of the United States of America to Ireland, has shared with me your letter dated December 15, 2009, regarding the motion passed at a meeting of the South Dublin County Council calling on the United States to withdraw the extradition warrant issued for Sean Garland.

A United States grand jury has indicted Mr. Garland on serious charges of conspiracy to counterfeit U.S. currency. Mr. Garland is wanted to stand trial for such charges in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. If he is extradited to face these charges, Mr. Garland will have the same rights afforded to all other defendants subject to criminal trials in the United States, including the opportunity to be represented by counsel and to present a defense.

The Department of Justice remains committed to bringing this case to trial in the United States. Therefore, we are not in a position to withdraw the request for Mr. Garland's extradition.

Sincerely,

Eric H. Holder, Jr. Attorney General

## cc: Daniel M. Rooney Ambassador of the United States of America Dublin, Ireland