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Mr. Ciaran Lynch, T.D.,  
Chairman,  
Joint Committee of Inquiry  
into the Banking Crisis,  
Leinster House,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Ciaran,

As you may be aware, I recently raised the issue of participation in the Banking Inquiry with both Mr. Mario Draghi, current President of the European Central Bank, and Mr. Jean-Claude Trichet, Former President of the European Central Bank. While I understand that the Committee is pursuing this issue directly with the relevant authorities under the terms of its legal mandate, I thought this might be helpful to the Committee in advancing your work.

In relation to Mr. Trichet, he has recently confirmed to me that while he has been advised that it isn't legally possible to go before a national parliamentary commission in the present circumstances, he has confirmed his availability to have a meeting in Brussels under the auspices of the European Parliament, at which Irish MEPs could ask any relevant questions. Alternatively, he has suggested that he could be invited by an appropriate Irish institution or third party to Dublin which would allow an opportunity to respond to relevant questions. The exact modalities of this approach would obviously need to be explored further.

I am writing to ensure that the Committee has an opportunity to review these options in the context of your wider consideration of how to proceed most effectively with the Inquiry. While the approach taken is entirely a matter for the Committee, I would of course be happy to provide any further appropriate information or assistance which would be helpful to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Enda Kenny T.D.,  
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