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To Whom It May Concern:

Early in the fifteenth century, the Hereditary Chief of the Name of the O'Sullivan Clan of Munster, MeicRaith [103], passed away when his son, Donal [104], was too young to assume the title.

MeicRaith's younger brother, Ruairi, became chief and his progeny inherited the title, all in accordance with Brehon Law. Ruairi's cadet line maintained the chieftainship for the next three centuries, depriving the senior line of the clan of its natural birthright. Fortunately, due to their genealogical significance, the pedigree of the O'Sullivan MhicRaith sept was carefully recorded in the Book of Munster. Subsequent to the publishing of the Book of Munster, two additional generations of the O'Sullivan MhicRaith were reported in O'Donovan's Survey, the last of which was Eoin (Owen/John) [112].

On April 16, 1754, the O'Sullivan Mór passed away in Tomies without identifiable issue. Upon his passing, the MhicRuairi chiefly line went extinct, and the title of chief reverted to the O'Sullivan MhicRaith, the descendants of MeicRaith [103]. Eoin (Owen/John) Ó Súilleabháin MhicRaith [112] of Derryconnery, Glengarriff, became the Ó Súilleabháin Mór, the Hereditary Chief of the Name, restoring the title to the senior line in accordance with both Brehon Law and the principle of primogeniture.

Once the above pedigree was confirmed by Riobard O'Dwyer, a certified genealogist and renowned expert on the genealogies of the Beara peninsula, the direct, adult, male, descendants of MeicRaith [103] formed an official derbhfine to legally recognize the Hereditary Chief of the Name, my father, Donal Ó Súilleabháin MhicRaith [120].

On October 11, 2014, I inherited the title in accordance with Brehon Law and the principle of primogeniture. My pedigree was legally certified by the Chief Herald of Malta and my arms were granted by the same. My pedigree has also been certified by Alfonso de Ceballos-Escalera y Gila, Marquess de la Floresta and Viscount of Ayala in the Kingdom of

Spain and Duke of Ostuni of the former Kingdom of the Two-Sicilies (Italy), the Chronicler of Arms for Castile and León and Personal Herald to the King of Spain. My pedigree and arms are also officially recognized by the Royal House of Georgia and the Equestrian order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

As the Hereditary Chief of the Name of the O'Sullivan Clan of Munster, I would like to compliment the MacCarthy Reagh sept for forming an official derbhfinne and electing a Hereditary Chief of the Name. These two historical elements are existential to recreating a properly functioning and living clan.

I would also like to express my endorsement of Éimhín Mac Cárthaigh Riabhach for the honour of being duly elected as the Hereditary Chief of the Name of the MacCarthy Reagh sept. His noble character, his military experience, his academic prowess, and his steadfast allegiance to his people will certainly ensure the success of your endeavours to reestablish your illustrious clan.

As the Hereditary Chief of the Name of the O'Sullivan Clan of Munster, I have also inherited the honour of bestowing the Slat na Ríge (rod of kingship) to the duly elected MacCarthy Mór. I hope I have the opportunity to present this ancient symbol of authority to Éimhín in the near future.

In the Bond,

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GarraíEoin Brian Ó Súilleabhaín MhicRaith  
An Ó Súilleabhaín Mór  
Count of Knockgraffon  
Dunderry Castle  
La Guerche sur L'Aubois, Cher, France

