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My Dear Tom,

Thanks for yours of 22nd. There is no need for any apologies, as I understand the position exactly. One thing I ask you to remember however – I did just what I said I would do at the time I was elected Chairman, and your blood must be on your own heads! PJ asked me not to press my resignation, but I want it to go to the Council. Holding the views I do, there seems no reasonable reason to my continuing.

Further, I could not agree to run into greater debt, and would be relieved if the Council would accept. Out of regard for PJ and the rest of you lads, I would do what you wanted. You ask my views on an alternative to the APL. This would take up a lot of space but here is the skeleton.

1. A Central Bureau with full time (paid) staff of (say) 6 people financed from Dublin.
2. Bureau would prepare the ground by personal interviews all over the country.
3. An Irish party to be formed here to wage a political fight, and run candidates for Westminster. No member of the Bureau would hold office in the party, but would work behind the scenes. Such a party would attract attention, and bring in our people in England. It holds out endless possibilities, such as the AP League could never hope to do, and must get publicity – which is what we want. Does Dublin want results or not? If so, that is the only way as I see it.

With all good wishes,

sincerely yours Brian