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A Chara,

I thank you for your letters of June 7 and June 14. I was glad to note your agreement with my view that a strong case existed for a postponement of the National Executive meeting and to learn from your letter of June 7 that Mr. Davin also favoured this course. I feel myself that Mr. Barry-Walsh, Mr. Brian Connolly and yourself should be given a further period for Organisation work and more particularly for following up the financial appeals of the respective Councils. We decided at a meeting of newly appointed Standing Committee held this week that Mr. Barry-Walsh should from now on give most of his time to calling upon sympathisers in order to seek subscriptions. We have also other methods in mind - for instance a stop-watch competition - but feel that it is best for the time being to concentrate on personal approach to people of substance who are believed to be sympathetic. I have spoken to Mr. Fitzgerald of your suggestion as to the issue of letter of authority signed by Officers of the Executive and

shall consult him further to-morrow on the matter.

I was very interested in your report of progress and agree with your view that your campaign would be materially assisted by the holding of a public meeting.. Mr.Pakenham,as I told Mr.Early in my letter of June 15,would probably be glad to speak for you. His address is - [REDACTED]. Another good speaker who "went down " very well at our meeting is Noel Hartnett, whose Northern Ireland bulletins are doubtless part of your equipment.I sympathise with you on your complaint of a none too helpful Press, but I feel that to bring pressure to bear on <sup>Irish Press</sup> News Editors through the quarter you mention might prove ill-advised, and that a better course would be for you to mention the matter to Mr.Davin, leaving it to his discretion to take any steps he thought fit. We are getting somewhat more favourable attention of late, so far as activities in London are concerned, though usually some days elapse before the reports appear..

I trust that Mr.Connolly and yourself arrived at an amicable settlement of the Border question and that no cases will arise of smuggling from one territory to the other.

With best wishes for the success of your good work,

Mise, le meas mor,

Hon. Secretary,

Provisional National Executive.