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Dear Mr Hickey,

re: Organizers.

Yours of the 10th instant to hand, the contents of which I have noted. I have also received confirmation from Dublin together with a request that operations should be commenced without delay and that primary importance be attached to the question of raising funds.

With regard to the question of salary, the view has already been expressed, at the last meeting of the National Executive, that the amount would not go very far towards providing a reasonable salary for any lengthy period. My own view, and that of my colleagues, is that a minimum of £3 would not - in the case of a married man - be too much in present conditions. On the basis of a six months period this weekly salary would account for £78 of the £100 and if expenses were taken at £1 weekly it would mean a total of £104 - £4 over and above the amount of the grant. I do not suggest that expenses will average £1 per week; in many instances they will be very much less. In any case we hope by the end of the 6 months to have strengthened our financial position. We have already had two meetings and it will not be possible to hold a further meeting until next week, and in view of the expressed desire that we should start immediately, further delay should, if possible, be avoided.

My Chairman and Treasurer have been consulted and it is suggested that an advance payment, on the above basis, should be made without delay so that operations can commence, the necessary adjustments to be made in due course. Meantime you could advise us as to the method you have adopted in the case of Mr Barry-Walsh; this would serve as a guide and then we could, at the next meeting of the National Executive, agree ^{by decision} ~~on~~ a uniform salary for the three areas.

We issued an appeal, locally, last week and one of the first things I intend to do is to pay personal calls with a view to obtaining subscriptions. The areas in which we

intend to open branches will be defined at our next meeting and I will make the necessary contacts with known people with a view to formally establishing the branches and ^{then} make the necessary arrangements also for recruiting members.

I have not yet received any instructions regarding the 1,000 copies of "Dev's" speech which I received from Dublin. Are we being debited with the cost of these? If so are we to get them on a "Trade Price" basis and sell at one penny. I would like some advice on this point.

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P.S. As organizers will be operating under authority of National Executive, it might be desirable that they should use official letter headings of the Natl. Executive. What is your view?