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(Attorney General's Office)
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH
(Dublin)

14th January 1974.

Liam Cosgrave, Esq., T.D.,
Taoiseach,
Dublin.

re: Boland case

Dear Taoiseach,

I enclose herewith a copy of the Statement of Claim and the Defence filed in this matter for your information.

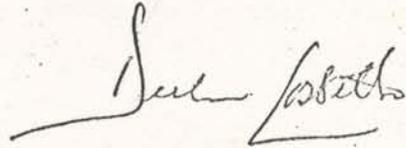
You will see that the Statement of Claim pleads that there was an agreement reached at Sunningdale and that it is pleaded (paragraph 8) that that agreement "acknowledged that a portion of Ireland therein described as "Northern Ireland" is part of the United Kingdom". We denied that there was any such "agreement" and pointed out that there were two declarations made. However, it was necessary formally to deny all the matters pleaded in paragraph 8 of the Statement of Claim and such denial was contained in paragraph 2 (iii) of the Defence.

In addition, it was necessary to plead what the declaration of the Irish Government meant. For this purpose it was necessary to deny that the declaration of the Irish Government had any of the meanings alleged by the Plaintiff in paragraph 8 of the Statement of Claim. Such denials were contained in paragraph 6 of the Defence. However, there was no specific denial in paragraph 6 that the declaration had the meaning set out in paragraph 8 (b) of the Statement of Claim, and accordingly it was accepted that the declaration meant that "the portion of Ireland therein

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described as "Northern Ireland" cannot be reintegrated into the national territory until and unless a majority of the people of an area described as "Northern Ireland" indicated a wish to become part of a united Ireland."

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Seán Lemmon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed phrase "Sincerely yours,".