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Aibreán 4, 1978



A Thaoisigh, A Chara,

The Crossmaglen grounds situation was stated at our Annual Congress to be steadily deteriorating and it was unanimously decided that full pressure be put on all public representatives and on Government to make determined efforts on behalf of the club.

I have discussed the matter with the club officials and there is considerable disappointment generally on the lack of pressure being put on the British Government to ensure that the grounds are handed back to the club and adequate compensation paid for years of possession and the overall damage and destruction done to the property.

The club and the Association are depending on your goodself and the Minister for Foreign Affairs particularly with the Government generally, to take positive steps to pressurise the British Government to bring this whole affair to a speedy end. May I appeal to you again to do so immediately.

The most recent move by the British Army, in the opinion of the local officials, seems to threaten the take over of some more of the property in accordance with Possession Order issued in December 1976, details of which I have already outlined.

I am enclosing a map to bring you up-to-date. The area marked in red is the total club property. The area marked ..... is the proposed area covered by Possession Order.

Within the past two weeks the area marked New Entrance in adjacent property has been taken over. This, in the minds of the local officials and I agree with them, could indicate a further take-over as mentioned above.

The whole situation calls for immediate action and strong pressures. Could you ascertain the basic reason for the most recent move ?

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Mr. Tom Walsh, a former President of the Association in Britain and a former member of Central Council, has also intimated that he is prepared to arrange a lobby of Labour M.Ps. in Britain on two fronts - (a) on the local scene through local clubs, (b) at House of Commons. We have asked him not to do anything until we get your views on this as well as the people of Crossmaglen. Could you let me have your views as quickly as possible please.

I would be glad to discuss the matter with you as a matter of urgency. I will be in Dublin on Monday April 10th arriving 3 p.m. but I could be there earlier if necessary.

Every success in Copenhagen.

Mise le fíor mhéas

*Conchúr Ó Murchú*  
Uachtarán.