## SENIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

(NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL SERVICE)

From the
Chairman
Hon. Secretary

M/ Agriculture Dundonald Home Schlimber 28, 1973

Dean Sir David

Since I wrote to you on 21 September further alarm has been generated by the speech made by the Republic's Minister for Foreign Affairs at the United Nations. His remarks implied that the issue of reorganisation of the Northern Ireland Civil Service had been transferred from the position of long-term deposit to the current account. Judging from newspaper and broadcast reports, Mr Fitzgerald is under the impression that agreement to reorganise has already been reached between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the Republic. As you will appreciate, such a statement, unless contradicted by an authoritative spokesman for the British Government, can only add to the anxieties of our members.

Yours criedy,

cc Mr T R N Balmer (Ministry of Health and Social Services)
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