Dear Mr. Hurd,

At the March Meeting of my Council, the following Resolution was passed:

"That this Council recognises that the circumstances which led to the creation of the Honourable The Irish Society and the establishment of its objectives have long since ceased to exist and writes to the Secretary of State to ask the Government to take the necessary steps to dissolve the Society and restore all its assets and privileges to the control and administration of the local District Councils concerned."

I should be glad to have your reaction to the foregoing and in particular any Government comments on what the necessary steps might be to dissolve the Society.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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