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GRANT AID TO THE IRISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER 'LA'

The Secretary of State has seen your note of 28 January and the comments of Dr Boyson and Mr Scott recorded in their respective Private Secretaries' notes of 31 January. The Secretary of State agrees that LEDU should be informed of his decision on the application for grant aid from 'LA' and that LEDU should be requested not to reopen the matter with 'LA' until, or if, they raise the matter of their application afresh.

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R P CLEASBY
Private Secretary

3 February 1986

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GRANT AID TO THE IRISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER - "LA"

Dr Boyson has seen Mr Fell's submission of 28 January and is content that the DED should inform LEDU of the decision which has been taken but request it to take no action to re-open the case.

William Gamble

WILLIAM GAMBLE

PS/Dr Boyson

31 January 1986

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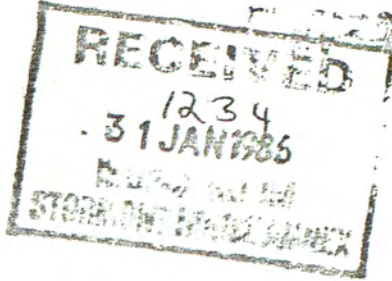
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Mr Scott has seen Mr Fell's submission to you of 28 January 1986 and has commented:-

"The 'decision' would, I imagine, be provisional in the sense that if 'LA' were to move we could look afresh at the application."

E. P. Kennedy

MRS E P KENNEDY
APS/Mr Scott

31 January 1986

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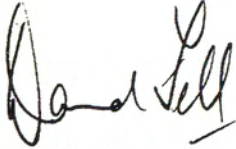
1. Mr Ward's minute of 20 December 1985 indicated that, following consultation with the Irish Government, the Secretary of State was content that LEDU should be advised of the Secretary of State's approval of the application for grant aid from the Irish Language newspaper, "LA". This approval was subject to the proviso that the newspaper is not located in the Conway Street Mill where it would be susceptible to paramilitary influence.
2. LEDU has now learned that "LA" is operating from premises in the Conway Street Mill. However, LEDU regards the "LA" application as being dormant due to the promoters' failure to provide sufficient information about the project to enable a proper approval to be made and the absence of any recent contact.
3. In these circumstances it would seem imprudent to re-open the case only to deny aid in the project's current premises. This is particularly so as the bar on aid to companies in the Conway Street Mill has recently attracted some controversy and an approach to "LA" - a newspaper - would be bound to re-open the issue.

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4. If Ministers are content we will inform LEDU of the decision which has been taken but request it to take no action to re-open the case.



DAVID FELL

28 January 1986

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