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Dear Rowan,

The Department was asked by LEDU some time ago whether grant aid should be made available to the Irish Language newspaper "LA".

The matter was referred to the Secretary of State, who approved the payment of grant aid to "LA" on condition that the paper does not locate in the Conway Street Mill. However, as it was subsequently learned that "LA" is already operating from premises in the Mill, the Secretary of State has also directed that, as the application from "LA" is no longer regarded by LEDU as a live issue due to the failure of the promoters to respond to a request for further details about the project, LEDU should not communicate the Secretary of State's decision to "LA" at this stage or inaugurate any action to reopen this matter.

I would ask you to consult with me in the event of any subsequent developments and would be grateful for your confirmation of the acceptance of the advice in this letter.

Yours sincerely

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