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1. I have just received copies of the letters from the President to Messrs Atwood and Lyons in the form in which they issued on 24 August.

2. I attach these. They differ very slightly from one another, reflecting Atwood and Lyons' different positions. But the only significant change from the draft we sent you last week is in the second sentence of paragraph 4. This now says (in the Lyons' letter) "To this end, and consistent with applicable US law, I ask you to urge Fund support ... " instead of "To this end, and consistent with applicable US law, 1 direct the United States Observer to the International Fund for Ireland to urge Fund support ...".

3. This is, if anything, an improvement from our point of vicw. provinity and nondiscrimination in employment supt apply

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