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Title: Copy letter to Thomas Hussey, TD, from Dr Garret FitzGerald, TD, concerning the condition of Frank Stagg [member of Provisional Irish Republican Army] on hunger strike at Wakefield Prison in the United Kingdom and stating that the Irish Government will not make representations for his transfer to a prison in Northern Ireland

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Dear Deputy Hussey

I have your letter of 5th January which was forwarded to me by the Taoiseach, Mr. Liam Cosgrave, T.D.

We are in continuing contact with the British authorities about the case of Frank Stagg. He is refusing to take any food but is taking water. I understand that he has also refused to co-operate with the medical personnel at the prison, which makes the carrying out of any detailed examination impossible. Subject to this, the best assessment that can be made is that his condition is fair but that he is getting weaker each day. On the question of his transfer to a prison in Northern Ireland, it is not proposed to make representations in this regard to the British authorities.

Yours sincerely

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