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17/12/1979 LP:- Transfer of pension rights to the EEC

To each Personnel Officer -

Dear Personnel Officer

1. Arrangements have been concluded with the Commission of the European Communities whereby Irish civil servants taking up appointments with the Communities' institutions will be allowed to transfer their pension rights to the Communities' pension scheme. Officers at present on special leave without pay with these institutions will be able to terminate that leave and transfer their pension rights (or, alternatively, preserve these rights under the Irish civil service superannuation code). Such officers will be obliged to resign from the civil service and will not have any right of re-appointment.

2. In order that the necessary options may be put to the officers concerned I would be obliged if you would forward to this Department as soon as possible, and in any event not later than 11 January 1980, a completed form E Gen 24 (or E Gen 8) including, where appropriate, Form W.P.5 and/or an averaging statement, in respect of any officer in your Department who is currently on special leave with an EEC institution. Marital status should also be indicated. In addition to setting out the position of the officers concerned in relation to Irish Civil Service Superannuation, the options will indicate the credits to be secured in the Communities' pension scheme by officers transferring their pension rights to that scheme.

Any clarification required in connection with the foregoing may be obtained by ringing extension 236.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Doyle