

From **SIR HORACE CUTLER, O.B.E.**  
LEADER OF THE GREATER LONDON COUNCIL  
THE COUNTY HALL, SE1 7PB  
Telephone 01-633 3304/2184

5 March 1980.

Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,  
Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
London, S.W.1.

R5/3

*Dear Margaret,*

I wrote to you on 22 February about ILEA and housing transfers; and I am a little worried to learn that copies of the letter are in the hands of DES Civil Servants.

There is nothing wrong with public servants being made fully aware of political intentions but there must be a line drawn somewhere. If not we would all be forced to be less than frank with each other, and that would be a disaster.

Given, too, that the D.E.S. may be expected to resist us over I.L.E.A. I fear that in the right (or, rather, wrong) hands my letter could be used against the case we are putting: I hope it doesn't get into such hands.

*Yours ever  
Horace.*