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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Cardinal Hume

Thank you for your letter of 7 June. I too was very glad to have the opportunity to meet you a week or two ago.

Mr. Corrie has now announced his intention of introducing a Bill to amend the Abortion Act 1967, and his place in the ballot for Private Members' Bills this year means that he will certainly have an opportunity of making progress with it if it is handled in accordance with the wishes of Parliament. As you will know, we do not impose Party discipline on matters such as this, so that the reception of his Bill will be a matter for individual Members. A great deal will depend on the exact terms of the Bill, but I myself welcome the fact that the House will have an opportunity soon to discuss the issue. I know the extent of the concern about it.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster