



10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

This note from the Lord Chancellor is about speed of sentencing. Perhaps it arises from a recent conversation? You may think it simplest to acknowledge this by having a word with the Lord Chancellor when he comes to Cabinet in the morning.

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22 July, 1981

FROM:

THE RT. HON. LORD HAILSHAM OF ST. MARYLEBONE, C.H., F.R.S., D.C.L.



21 July HOUSE OF LORDS,
81 SW1A 0PW

Dear Margaret:

I hope you return from Monte Bello crowned with bay leaves.

In the meantime you might be interested in the following.

(1) In the Warwick Crown Court, & on 16th July Mr. Justice Kilner Brown sentenced 3 men to 4 years each (same sentence as Salmon J passed on Nottingham rioters) for fire bomb offences committed in May (time between offence and sentence just under 9 weeks).

(2) On 9th July a young Manchester lad committed a number of riot type offences. He was committed for

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trial on 16th July (a week later), arraigned in
the Crown Court before Forbes J on the 21st July
(five days after committal). He now awaits
Sentence in the Crown Court on the 28th July (only
14 days after committing the offence.

There are more ways of killing a cat than
choking it with cream. The magistrates are doing
reasonably well with the summary cases.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, consisting of a large initial 'L' followed by several loops and flourishes.