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*From the Private Secretary*

1 April 1981

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Sir Horace Cutler, about the future of the City Corporation.

The Prime Minister would be grateful for your Secretary of State's advice on Sir Horace's request that she should indicate that she is content for him to open a campaign for the retention of the City Corporation in its present form.

Her own initial reaction is that any wider review of London government would probably not be welcome at present but that it is right for the City Corporation to be defended.

It would be most helpful if we could have advice in the first half of next week. I should also be grateful if you could avoid giving this letter too wide a circulation - Sir Horace Cutler has on occasion complained when his letters to the Prime Minister have been quoted back to him by departmental officials.

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