



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

23 September 1983

Dear Edwina,

Thank you for your letter of 8 September enclosing one from Digga the Clown. I share his deep concern for the social development of children and am delighted that we have been able to make extra provision for children's play. Since I announced on 22 April 1983 that Neil MacFarlane would take special responsibility for children's play he has explained his role and aims more fully in the House, and I enclose the relevant Hansard extracts.

Local authorities and voluntary bodies annually spend several million pounds on organised play schemes and will continue to provide the major support in this field. We hope, however, that our initiative will inject fresh impetus especially in inner city areas where vandalism and hooliganism is most acute.

If Digga would like further details Neil MacFarlane's office in the Department of the Environment would be only too pleased to assist.

Yours  
Raymond

Mrs. Edwina Currie, M.P.