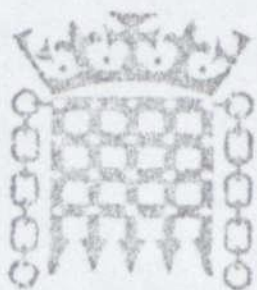


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The Rt. Hon. William Whitelaw CH.MC.MP.  
Secretary of State  
Home Office  
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*Dear William*

I was troubled this afternoon by your Statement regarding the rioting in Liverpool. This was echoed this evening by many members of my Association who telephoned me in despair about the happenings in our city. They tell me they are living in near-seige conditions and fear for their safety.

In these circumstances they tell me they were expecting our Party - being the Party of law and order - to say something resolute in the House, including the bringing in of troops to support the police.

They also wanted to hear that our Party recognised the problems of the inner city and that we were going to do something to demonstrate our care and compassion.

Clearly, congratulating the police and other services for their outstanding work is of the utmost importance, but simply providing them with stronger protective headgear has made many of our supporters feel that the bigger issues have not been fully comprehended.

Could you please let me know when we will debate these issues and will you be making another statement shortly about our determined drive to crack down on violence and to embark upon remedial work.

*With Kind Regards*

*L. Long*

*G. J. Long*