

Southgate

PRIME MINISTER

Norman Tebbit has dictated the attached letter which he wants to send to Michael Portillo. It is due to be published this Friday.

But before doing so, he has specifically asked that you should see it

It looks alright to me.

Are you content for it to be sent?

SS

Stephen

5.12.84

Yes - of course
He has clearly put a
lot of thought and
effort into the letter -
can we get it in
hospital not

10.11

Norman Tebbit's letter to Michael Portillo

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It is absolutely essential that you should be returned to serve in Tony's place in Parliament. As Gerald Kaufman said:

"the only way that we get rid of a government in Britain is by the ballot box. Terrorism and assassination have no place whatever in the political process in this country."

It is important that the people of Southgate should show their response to terrorist violence by a clear and decisive vote next Thursday.

You are well qualified to succeed Tony and I look forward to seeing you sit in his place.



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A MESSAGE FROM RT HON NORMAN TEBBIT MP

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A letter of support from the Rt Hon Norman Tebbit MP (Chingford), Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to MICHAEL PORTILLO, Conservative Parliamentary Candidate in the Enfield Southgate by-election, states:

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ENDS