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Prime Minister:



As the Home Secretary says in his minute, nothing new but a good reference book!

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To Prime Minister, A 4/5

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: A WORKING PAPER

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..... I enclose a copy of "Criminal Justice: A Working Paper" which will be published on 9 May.

The purpose of the document is set out in my Foreword. As you will see, it is a wide-ranging review of the initiatives which are being taken in pursuit of our strategy for tackling crime. It lays particular emphasis on the need for good management in the criminal justice system, and the importance of public confidence.

The Working Paper is intended to be of use to those who work in the criminal justice system and to improve awareness of our policies and of the extent the various services interact and rely on each other. I am arranging for it to be distributed widely to key people in these services and other interested organisations. I am also anxious to present publication of the Paper as a means of engaging the interest and enthusiasm of the public in the community effort against crime.

The Paper does not reveal any previously unpublished policy initiatives, and I have therefore not thought it necessary to consult you or other colleagues about its publication. But I thought you would be interested to know of it, in the context of the exchange which we had earlier this year about criminal justice strategy.

I am copying this letter to the Lord President, to the members of H Committee and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

*Yours,*  
*Leon*

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, M.P.