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Dear Secretary of State,

I'm sure colleagues need no urging to remain resolute against offering the Militants in Liverpool a soft option, but the enclosed letter from the Leader of Waltham Forest Borough Council is, I believe, typical of the support in local government circles for a firm response.

2 I am sending a copy of this letter and enclosure to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Home Secretary, the Lord Privy Seal, the Secretaries of State for Education, Defence and Social Services, the Chief Secretary, the Attorney General, and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely,

Norman Tebbit

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(Dictated by the Secretary of State and signed in his absence)



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Leader of Council
Cllr. G A King MBIM, C Chem, MRSC

Dear Norman, I feel that I must also write to you concerning the various statements etc we hear about the Liverpool Council situation.

I trust that the Government will make no concessions whatever to the extremist Council only concerned with exploitation & anarchy.

They must not receive an extra £1 in grant. We in Waltham Forest had our grant

● reduced by \$1 million
● but we still made
savings of over \$4 million
and reduced the rate.
If we had set our
budget in deficit we
could have come out
the rate even lower,
this type of finance
is easy. Acting responsibly
and attempting to support
government spending plan
is not easy and very
time consuming.

Thus if any concern
are made to Liverpool
my colleagues & I will
think that we are
wasting our time

and will feel let
down by a government
we are doing our best
to support. I can assure

you that we feel
very strongly on this
issue and look for

a very firm stand
from the government.

If Simpson goes
back, so be it, it
will be the fault
of an irresponsible
Council.

Kind regards
Seymour