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Secretary of State,
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Sir,

1. Liverpool
2. County Secondary Re-Organisation

I write in response to the meeting we had yesterday, with representatives of the Liverpool Local Education Authority, and I attach tables which show how each of the possible modifications you put forward yesterday would have impact on the admissions to other schools whose retention is intended in the Authority's proposals.

If I may deal with the options in the order in which you put them to the Authority Representatives, this may assist in your consideration of the Authority's response.

Option A - To retain Stanley Park, Anfield, Holly Lodge and West Derby as they now exist.

The tables show - and it is perhaps easier to refer to the attached summary tables - that the retention of Stanley Park and Anfield in their current shape, would have very serious impact on the proposed Alsop and Breckfield schools, sufficient to conclude that those schools would not be viable. There would be a lesser, but nevertheless significant impact on the admissions to the Carr Lane, Croxteth and Paddington schools. That conclusion is based on the pattern of admissions in 1982 and 1983 which might justifiably be expected to be repeated.

West Derby and Holly Lodge. Again, looking at the summary figures, you will see that the retention of West Derby and Holly Lodge, in their present form, would, on the basis of the last two years' admissions, have very serious effects

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on the viability of Carr Lane and Highfield to the extent that neither of those schools' could function at a viable level of intake. Again, there would be lesser, though still serious repercussions on the intake in to five other schools.

Option B - Retain West Derby, Holly Lodge, Quarry Bank and Aigburth Vale in their present form.

I have already commented above, on the effects of retaining West Derby and Holly Lodge in their present form. The retention of Quarry Bank and Aigburth Vale in their current form would place in jeopardy the intakes into New Heys and Shorefields with lesser, but perhaps significant effect on Holt and Paddington.

Option C - To retain West Derby and Holly Lodge in their present form.

I have already commented in relation to Option A on the effects this would have on admissions to other proposed schools, particularly Carr Lane and Highfield.

From this study which has been undertaken to respond speedily to your discussions yesterday, the Authority cannot but conclude that the adoption of any one of the possible options which you outlined would effectively destroy the purpose of the Authority's original proposals and would necessitate a total recasting of those proposals. Time is much too short for this to be done in time for implementation in September, 1984. Indeed it would almost certainly require the publication of new Section 12 notices.

There are several other difficulties which the Authority would foresee arising from the implementation of any one of the options, but it is perhaps unnecessary for me to rehearse them here, given the implications of the study as I have outlined them to you.

I understand that your colleagues in the Department of Education and Science, who were with you yesterday are on leave today and Monday. In Liverpool the arrangements are slightly different and mean that this office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday. It will, however, be manned from next Wednesday onwards and I will be ready to respond to any further requests they may have for information to supplement that given in the attachments to this letter.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Kenneth Antcliff

Director of Education