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My dear Prime Minister ⁽⁴⁾

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I write to offer you my thanks for the very kind way in which you received Bishop Sheppard and myself some days ago. You were most generous with your time and I appreciated greatly the informal manner in which we were able to discuss some of the developments and problems in Liverpool.

It was good to be able to present you with the current double picture of the hopes and efforts of those seeking to give fresh direction to the post-Festival Liverpool, and of the frustration which arises from the polarised party-politics which are at present part of the life of our city.

Above all, I welcomed the chance to discuss some of the effects of long-term unemployment on the family life of the area. Family life has always been at the heart of Liverpool's community spirit, no matter how difficult the social conditions. It accounts for local resilience and good humour. Unless the young people can be given greater hope of employment, their sense of insecurity will be an obstacle to the long-term commitment, which is vital for their future and the future of this changing and challenged part of the country.

Again, I thank you for your time and concern.

Yours v. sincerely

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