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From the Private Secretary

2 April 1985

PROPOSED 'EURODOME' STADIUM
IN THE LONDON DOCKLANDS

The Prime Minister has seen a copy of the letter from Leigh Lewis to you dated 22 March. She hopes that if the proposed stadium described by Lord Bruce were to be taken forward, it would be possible to consider the question of planning permission expeditiously.

I am sending a copy of this to Leigh Lewis (Minister without Portfolio's Office).

(Mark Addison)

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From the Minister without Portfolio
The Rt Hon Lord Young of Graffham

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22nd March, 1985

Mark Addison?
is it possible to
deal with expectations
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Dear Philip

PROPOSED 'EURODOME' STADIUM IN THE LONDON DOCKYARDS

Lord Bruce of Donnington called, at his request, on Lord Young yesterday to discuss the above scheme.

He explained that a client of his firm of accountants - Jan Bobrowski and Partners - were proposing a stadium development in the London Dockyards. The proposed stadium, in which Lord Bruce said he would have a small financial interest, would have a capacity of between 70,000 and 100,000 and would, it was said, be the largest in Europe. Lord Bruce said that the scheme was currently under discussion with the Dockyards Development Corporation and with a firm of Merchant Bankers, Guinness Mahon. The details of the project are to be found in the attached brochure. Lord Bruce said that the purpose of his seeking a meeting with Lord Young was to emphasise to the Government that the proposed development would give London the capacity to hold the Olympic Games in 1992, should that be a serious prospect.

In response, Lord Young said that he would ensure that the existence of this proposal was brought to the attention of Mr. Macfarlane. He also undertook, in response to a specific request from Lord Bruce, to draw it to the Prime Minister's attention and I am therefore copying this letter to Mark Addison at No. 10.

Lord Young has no wish to become involved in any Government consideration of this issue. He would be grateful, however, if in due course you could provide him with a draft letter to send

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to Lord Bruce following up the meeting and explaining the Government's position, both on the 1992 Olympics and on the proposed Eurodome Development. I should be grateful if you would return the attached brochure with the draft reply so that we may in turn return it to Lord Bruce.

Yours sincerely

Leigh Lewis

Leigh Lewis
Private Secretary