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Dear Margaret

I was grateful for Mark Addison's letter inviting me to your crime seminar on 8th January.

I should very much like to contribute to this and have written to Douglas Hurd, setting out one specific proposal, namely a police led campaign, based on videos, to mobilise community support for greater personal care of people's homes, cars, small businesses etc.

dated - I attach a copy of this.
20.12.85

Unfortunately, a three times postponed visit to India and Taiwan makes it impossible for me to attend your conference. I could and would have cancelled this trip but bearing in mind the appointments I expect to have with Rajiv Gandhi and others in the Indian government (concerning, among other things, some major U.K. contracts), I doubt if you would think it right for me to do this.

I very much hope your seminar will produce an action plan with specific targets and a timetable. Clearly, it will fall to the Home Office to oversee the follow up: but I do hope you will remain personally involved in it. There is deep and growing disquiet among the public over the growth of crime and violence: politically as well as governmentally, you are so right to be giving a lead in mobilising the community to come to the aid of the police in tackling it.

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I hope you and Dennis, and all
your family, have a very, and much
pleasant, and blustery, Christmas.