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PRIME MINISTER

You asked whether you might also write to Mr. Millichip about Luton's membership card scheme. I have had a word with DOE about this.

The FA Rules specifically provide that FA Cup matches should not exclude away supporters. Mr. Evans' membership card system therefore clearly is incompatible with those Rules. It is also, as you know, incompatible with the Football League guidelines issued to clubs on membership card schemes.

I am sure you should not write to Mr. Millichip in a way that suggests you are taking sides in a case which has yet to be resolved through proper FA channels. But equally, there seems no reason why you should not send the text of the letter for information, as a courtesy, to Mr. Millichip. I suggest I write to Mr. Millichip saying that you have asked me to send him the text for information, though I would check first that Mr. Evans had no objection.

Content that we proceed in that way?

You also need to sign off the letter to Mr. Evans and add a manuscript note about his selection.

**MEA**

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