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THE PRIME MINISTER

20 July 1988

Dear Archbishop and Bishops,

Thank you for your letter of 20 June about the Merseyside Task Force.

I welcome your comments about the effectiveness of our initiatives in Merseyside. I can assure you that the Government remains committed to the regeneration of the area and that we intend to retain a strong office there. We want to ensure that Civil Service resources are being used to best effect to achieve our aims.

Nicholas Ridley is therefore taking advantage of the natural breakpoint afforded by the transfer of Mr. Renshaw to be Chief Executive of the National Rivers Authority Advisory Committee, to conduct an organisational and management review of the Task Force. The decisions he takes about the future structure of the Task Force will, of course, take full account of our commitment to revitalising the economy and environment of Merseyside. *Kind regards*

Yours sincerely

Raymond Barber

The Most Reverend Derek Worlock, Archbishop of Liverpool,
and the Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Liverpool.

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