

PRIME MINISTER

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INNER CITIES: LETTERS TO BISHOPS

Robin Catford and I would like you to reconsider the decision to write to Bishops with a copy of the inner cities document.

Flg A. I attach a list of Bishops with inner city areas within their dioceses. We know that some are certainly interested in inner city matters. But others have no particular interest and they would undoubtedly be surprised to have a letter from you out of the blue, especially if they had never met you. Moreover, a letter to the Anglican Bishops does, I think, exaggerate their importance in this matter. They have no particular role. There are many other religious leaders who have an equal, if not greater, interest in inner city matters than those on the list attached. The Chief Rabbi and Cardinal Warlock are obvious cases in point. If we write to them, the list will extend - with letters to the Moderator of the Free Churches, the Church of Scotland, the ethnic churches and so on.

see at Flg B. I therefore wonder whether it is in fact appropriate to write to the Bishops. Much better for Kenneth Clarke to write to Bishops known to have an interest in inner cities along with the many others he is planning to write to. Kenneth Clarke is happy to do this. But in case you do wish to write, I suggest that your letter might be on the lines of the short draft attached.

Do you wish to write to Bishops? If you do, are you content with the draft letter attached?

(If you do write I agree with you that it would be best not to despatch their letters until after the Statement had been made. To arrange special delivery on Monday afternoon, after the press conference, would seem to exaggerate even further

the importance of the Bishops in this matter. If you are to write, a letter arriving first thing on Tuesday morning would seem to be ample.)

How would you like to proceed?

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3 March 1988

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I should prefer not

to write. Please let

Kenneth Clarke (and Christine Vull)

know.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

As you may be aware, the Government's new initiative for the inner cities is being launched today, with the publication of a document entitled "Action for Cities".

I thought you might like to see this document, and accordingly I enclose a copy.

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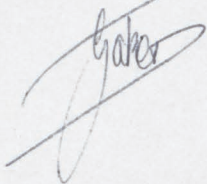
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Dear Mr. Hamilton,

We spoke about the list of Bishops who it was thought appropriate that the Prime Minister should notify about the inner city announcements on 7 March. The list I attach was supplied by John Lyttle, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Adviser on Public Affairs. Mr Lyttle has asked if he could be included in the circulation. He can be contacted direct on 928 8282.

Yours sincerely,



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