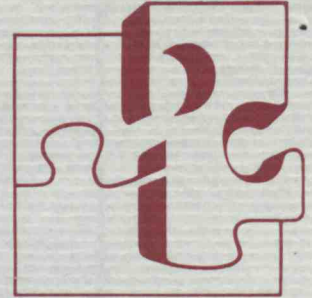


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The Rt.Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP,
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10th March 1988

Dear Prime Minister,

As you may recall, Claude Hanks-Drielsma is chairing our BiC Target Team to co-ordinate the voluntary sector part of your Inner City Initiative.

I think you may also have heard that he is trying to secure the Thyssen Collection for this country. Clearly the impact that a collection of this importance would have, especially if it could be located in one of the "Inner City" problem areas, would be immense. We are beginning to find considerable enthusiasm for this, particularly amongst business leaders who understand the potential, and of course our President, The Prince of Wales, is fully behind Claude's initiative.

I am writing to urge you to become personally involved, because this would be the best way to ensure that Baron Thyssen takes the bid from Britain seriously.

Yours Sincerely
Hecker Laming



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From the Private Secretary

14 March, 1988.

I am just writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 10 March to the Prime Minister. I will of course show this to her tonight, but I thought I should tell you now that she has already become personally involved, and will be seeing Baron Thyssen and Claude Hanks-Drielsma tomorrow.

(P.A. Bearpark)

Sir Hector Laing