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*From the Minister for the Arts*

The Rt Hon Kenneth Baker MP  
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*Dear Kenneth,*

*will request*

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 11 February to Patrick Jenkin about the impact of abolition on voluntary bodies.

I agree with your proposal to use some of the assets from the GLC to set up a charitable trust to make grants to voluntary bodies in London, and that much credit would be gained from such a move. Such a trust could be of benefit to certain "arts" bodies which, as I have mentioned before, are in fact more aptly described as "voluntary" bodies because their functions are not wholly or primarily artistic. This applies particularly to those local bodies whose activities cross borough boundaries.

I am copying this to members of MISC 95 and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

*Yours,  
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