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① MR. GOW      ② *Miss Stephens*

Abolition of the ILEA

At a meeting this morning with the Prime Minister, Sir Keith Joseph undertook to bring a selected number of London Members of Parliament to see the Prime Minister, to run over the history of the last attempt to abolish the ILEA and consider the political advantages and disadvantages of a second proposal to this end.

I have asked Sir Keith's office to make proposals to us about the names of suitable Members. May I hand this matter over to you now, please? I should be grateful if you would let me know nearer the date that the occasion is about to happen. We should arrange it as soon as possible; and if the Prime Minister is persuaded of Sir Keith's view that there is a powerful case against proposing abolition, Sir Keith should be reminded to seek her agreement to the circulation of a paper to Cabinet colleagues with proposals for the future of the ILEA once the GLC is abolished.

*particularly  
anxious  
that* } You will need no reminding from me that the Prime Minister <sup>should</sup> ~~is~~ wishes consideration of these matters ~~to~~ be conducted in secret.

*MCS*

29 March, 1983.

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Meeting 16 15  
Re Abolition of ILEA

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Edve.

5 April 1983

Dear Miss Stephens

Thank you for your letter of 31 March setting out the arrangements for the 14th April.

Mr Mellor is looking forward to this opportunity to discuss local government in London.

Yours sincerely,  
Kenneth N. Sutton.

K D SUTTON  
Private Secretary

Caroline Stephens



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much.  
Jan.  
6/4/1983

MR. GOW  

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cc. Mr. Scholar

ABOLITION OF THE ILEA

I have set up this meeting for Thursday 14 April at 1615 in the House. This is the first available date that I could get Sir Keith. Kenneth Baker will be in the Far East until the 20th but the Department of Education say that the meeting should take place before that date.

So the batting order now looks like:

Secretary of State for Education  
Dr. Rhodes Boyson  
~~Mr. Kenneth Baker~~  
Mr. William Shelton  
The Hon. Peter Brooke  
Mr. David Mellor  
Mr. John Wheeler

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PLEASE INVITE THOSE TICKED TO MEETING

→ MORGAN



HERE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND SIR KEITH.

10 DOWNING STREET

*[Handwritten scribbles]*

lan/ Sir Keith Joseph's office

have let me have these nominees of Sir Keith for the ILEA mtg. Over to you.

Geoffrey Tibsbury

MCS 30/3

✓ Rhodes Boyson

✓ Kenneth Baker

✓ Wm Shelton

✓ Peter Brook

Nicholas Scott

Sir Brandon Rhys Williams

✓ David Mellow

Mark Stevens

[Peter Bottomley

✓ John Wheeler]

all these people are thought to have views on the issue.

But we are not

instructed to

invite all of

them

MCS