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22 July 1983

Dear Imogen,

MCS.]

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FUTURE OF THE ILEA

In the course of a discussion with the Secretary of State for the Environment yesterday about the consequences of the abolition of the GLC and the Metropolitan County Councils, the issue of the future of the ILEA was raised.

The Prime Minister recalled that, at the meeting in the House of Commons on 14 April with your Secretary of State and a number of London Members of Parliament, it was agreed that the ILEA would be replaced by a joint committee of elected representatives of the boroughs without the 17 co-opted members; but that after the election there would be consultation with this joint committee and with the boroughs about the future of the committee. The Prime Minister particularly recalls that it was envisaged that, at that stage, the committee, or some of its members, would request that boroughs be permitted to opt out of the committee. Thus the ILEA would be abolished but the decision would be taken in stages. It was also agreed, after that meeting, that none of this should appear in Sir Keith's Cabinet paper which was to be circulated shortly thereafter.

The Prime Minister enquires what steps are envisaged to implement this course of action. I would be grateful if you would let me have a note.

I would be grateful if you, and John Ballard in the Secretary of State for the Environment's Office to whom I am copying this letter, will ensure that it is neither photocopied nor circulated outside your Private Offices, and seen only by those specifically authorised by your Secretary of State to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Scholar

Mrs. Imogen Wilde,
Department of Education and Science.

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