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From the Private Secretary

8 September 1983

Future of the ILEA

The Prime Minister had a brief discussion at Chequers yesterday afternoon with your Secretary of State and the Secretary of State for the Environment about the future of the ILEA.

Your Secretary of State set out the arguments for each of the options identified in paragraph 4 of his minute to the Prime Minister of 4 August. After discussion, the Prime Minister said that she favoured replacing the Authority with a joint Board of Borough representatives, as in the Manifesto. It might be, at a later date, that one or more of the Boroughs might wish to secede from the joint Board. The arrangements setting up the joint Board should be framed so as not to prevent this happening; indeed, there might be a case for requiring the Boroughs to consult, after an interval, with the joint Board about the future of the Board.

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, would ensure that it is neither photocopied nor circulated outside your Private Offices and is seen only by those specifically authorised by your Secretary of State to do so.

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