

PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATIONS

1. I attach briefing for this meeting as follows:

Flag A - speaking note from DOE, drawn up in conjunction with the Home Office following Thursday's meeting;

B - Football Association's report, together with Mr. MacFarlane's reply;

C - DOE report published last year - "Football Spectator Violence";

D - Robin Butler's summing up of the conclusions of Thursday's meeting;

E - letters from Jack Dunnett, President of the Football League.

2. Ministers are assembling at 1000 for a briefing meeting. We have invited Mr. Teasdale, the key DOE official involved, to the briefing meeting in case his advice is needed.

3. At the briefing meeting, we suggest you discuss:

a) tactics with the Football Authorities, based on the DOE's speaking note;

b) tactics for the press conference which the Home Secretary and Mr. Jenkin are due to give at DOE after the meeting.

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