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PRIME MINISTER

FOOTBALL - ROBERT MAXWELL

Mr Maxwell telephoned me to let you know - before you read it in the newspapers - that he has agreed to arrange a meeting for leading Members of the Opposition with people prominent in football about the problems of hooliganism. The meeting is due to take place in the Shadow Cabinet Room early next week.

Mr Maxwell proposes to include, in addition to himself:

Mr Dunnett, Mr Croker, Mr Taylor (Secretary of the Professional Footballers Association), Mr Bates (Chairman of Chelsea), Mr John Smith (Chairman of Liverpool), Mr Scholar (Chairman of Spurs), Mr Smee (Manager of Arsenal), Mr Pleat (Manager of Luton) and Mr Smith (Manager of Oxford).

Mr Maxwell asked whether you would have any objection to his arranging such a meeting and in particular to the inclusion of Mr Smith. I said I was sure you would have no objection, and that you would regard the inclusion of Mr Smith as positively good.

Mr Maxwell said that he was also considering setting up something similar for the Alliance.

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