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THE PRIME MINISTER

10 July, 1985

Dear Superintendent Calligan.

Many thanks for coming down to London with your colleague Serjeant Broster to show me the video of crowd trouble at the Huddersfield/Leeds match last October. Your presentation was very helpful indeed in highlighting the important developments at each stage of the match, and I am grateful for all the trouble you went to.

The film is genuinely shocking and a powerful reminder of the scale of the problem we face. It shows the determination of some supporters to turn the game into a violent confrontation between rival groups of fans and demonstrates the need for radical measures to put a stop to this. I am grateful to you and all your police colleagues for the courage you have shown in tackling this appalling behaviour, and I am conscious of the debt we owe you for, on many occasions, preventing the violence escalating further.

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely  
Raymond Johnston

Superintendent G.E.A. Calligan

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