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For information. We shall need
to pick up the CCTV membership
card points at the forthcoming meeting
with the football authorities.

MEH 19/7

Dear Prime Minister:

FOOTBALL VIOLENCE

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I have seen your minute M2/85 to the Home Secretary, following our viewing of the police video of Huddersfield v Leeds last October. I entirely share your reaction to the video and agree that it should be given a wide circulation. In arranging this, could I suggest that Giles Shaw might consider interesting the BBC or ITV in showing parts at least of the video? This could be helpful, especially in the run up to the new season in August. I understand that local TV has already featured it.

I should comment on some points in your letter which concern me. Firstly, both Giles Shaw and I are concerned about the programme for installing CCTV, especially in the problem grounds. We are discussing this urgently within my Working Group and also with the Football Trust. Delivery timescales may hold us up, but - and this brings me to the second point - the Football Association are providing this week the list of fixtures at risk during the opening weeks of the new season and we shall work with them and the Home Office to try to ensure that those games are covered by fixed or mobile CCTV equipment.

Regarding membership cards, I discussed with Bernard Ingham last Monday the latest position. There is now a Football League Working Party and we will assist and press them to produce speedy conclusions by early September. In my view a membership cards scheme is invaluable particularly with away matches. Without it, we will have to look again at ways of preventing supporters travelling to away matches - especially overseas.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Leon Brittan, Patrick Jenkin and Giles Shaw.

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