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Dear David

My Secretary of State is committed, as the Prime Minister is already aware, to visiting Liverpool on 7 June. He will be looking at housing conditions in the City, in the company of the Labour Leadership of the Council. He also wants to take the opportunity to talk informally to the local press to repeat in clear terms the Government's position. My Secretary of State is concerned that every opportunity should be taken to increase local understanding of the consequences of an illegal budget and the duty and capacity of the City Council to draw up a legal budget.

In all the circumstances my Secretary of State considers that he should be seen to have set aside sufficient time to undertake a credible tour of the City and to meet the press. To do so he would need to leave Cabinet on 7 June no later than 11.30. Is the Prime Minister content for him to proceed on this basis.

PS: NOTE

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SIGNED LETTER TO:-

- 1 Mr. Heiser
- 2 Mr. Pugh
- 3 Mr. Simpson
- 4 Mr. McDonald

*Yours sincerely*

*John Ballard*

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