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From The Parliamentary Under-Secretary

2 November 1982

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Dear Prime Minister,

SOCCER VIOLENCE

I write further to Neil Macfarlane's letter to you of 29 October and confirm that I will attend the European Cup Soccer Match between Paris St Germain and Swansea in Paris on Wednesday, 3 November.

I trust that the Swansea City supporters will maintain the reputation for sportsmanship and good behaviour established by Welsh Sportsmen abroad over the years.

I am copying this to Francis Pym and Neil Macfarlane.

*Yours sincerely,
Michael Roberts*

MICHAEL ROBERTS

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
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29 October 1982

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Dear Prime Minister:

Prime Minister

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SOCCKER VIOLENCE

In my letter of 8 October I said that, from now on, I would send my officials to matches involving British club and national sides in Europe to ensure adequate preparation to limit so far as possible crowd disturbances. Two major European Cup matches take place next Wednesday 3 November involving British clubs - Bayern Munich v Tottenham Hotspur and Paris St Germain v Swansea City. My officials are leaving on Sunday to visit Munich on Monday and Paris on Tuesday. They will have discussions with local civic, police and football officials. They will be accompanied by the Football Association's liaison officer. They will address themselves to implementing the rules of the European Football Union. They will also advise on matters such as the transportation of fans in and out of the UK and to and from the stadium etc.

Information which we have at our disposal at the moment suggests the possibility of some crowd disturbances at each match; I therefore intend to be present in Munich, and Michael Roberts will go to Paris. This will enable us to reinforce the message which our officials will have put across earlier in the week, and hopefully for me to make contact with my opposite number in the new West German administration.

I am copying this to Francis Pym and Michael Roberts.

Handwritten signature of Neil Macfarlane

NEIL MACFARLANE