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From the Principal Private Secretary

15 March 1985

Dear Andrew,

FOOTBALL HOOLIGANISM

I am writing to confirm the arrangements we have in mind for dealing with this subject.

The Minister for Sport has asked the Football Association to report within a week. Thereafter the Prime Minister has said that she will meet them.

Meantime, the Prime Minister would like to discuss the options with your Secretary of State, the Home Secretary, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister for Sport. We are trying to arrange a meeting after Cabinet on Thursday 21 March. One of the purposes of this meeting will be to agree on the line to be taken with the Football Association so that a meeting can be arranged with them very soon after the submission of their report.

We agreed that your department and the Home Office would circulate papers on the options for consideration at the meeting on Thursday 21 March. If possible, it would be helpful if these papers could be circulated by close of play on Tuesday 18 March.

I am copying this letter to Rachel Lomax (H M Treasury), Hugh Taylor (Home Office), John Graham (Scottish Office), Phil Dykins (Minister for Sport's Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

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