

→ Bernard Ingham

PRIME MINISTERFOOTBALL HOOLIGANISM

Bernard Ingham's note, recording his meeting with the Football Trust, is for information only at this stage.

You are meeting Lord Aberdare, Chairman of the Trust, on 15 May. The Football Association are strictly due to report by Monday 13 May (six weeks after their first meeting with you). I understand they are indeed aiming to write next week.

You will be taking stock of where matters now stand when the Football Association have reported. At that stage you will be able to consider the ideas suggested by Bernard on pages 4 and 5 of his note, and how far these are points for the Government, or for the football authorities themselves, to pursue.

Incidentally, the signs are that the pressure will need to be kept up. I hear they are likely to agree with the Football Trust's assessment of the practical difficulties concerning membership cards; they are also apparently likely to be doubtful about the prospects of changing their rules to get round the "all reasonable precautions" point.

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