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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. Millichip,

Thank you for your letter of 19 June.

I am glad to have your confirmation that the Football Association is determined to act to restore the good name of football, following the various incidents last season culminating in the Bradford and Brussels tragedies. I remain convinced that much remains to be done, if possible before the new season begins, to restore public confidence. In particular, I am pleased that you are continuing to examine the possibility of membership cards; we believe that, despite the doubts expressed at our last meeting, a scheme could be devised which would help effectively to exclude a majority at least of troublemakers from matches. You will, I know, continue to discuss this, and other measures, with the Minister for Sport in his Working Group. He will be letting me have a progress report soon.

I understand what you say about restricting travel abroad. There are obvious and fundamental difficulties, but we will continue to examine what might be done.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

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