

FROM THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

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Dear William,

Handsworth Riot

with MAA?

The Lord Chancellor has seen your letter of 13th September 1985 to Mark Addison and has commented as follows:

"There is an aspect of Handsworth which continues to give me concern. It is that both white and black hooligans seem to be picking on Indians and Pakistanis (who, on the whole, are both industrious and left to themselves relatively inoffensive) for attack. Is there anything which can be done about this?"

I hope the factual account of Handsworth will either confirm or repudiate the impression I get which is that there was an element of deliberate planning there either by drug pushers or left wing anarchists."

I am copying this letter to Mark Addison and other Private Secretaries of Members of the Cabinet.

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