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From the Private Secretary

19 July, 1982.

The Prime Minister has seen the Secretary of State for Education and Science's paper on the future of the Inner London Education Authority (Misc 79(82)12).

She has minuted that she is strongly opposed to the retention of a single authority for Inner London's education. She has further minuted that she believes that the right solution would be to allow local authorities to opt out of the ILEA.

The Prime Minister would like this solution to be considered further. She has noted that the last time this issue arose the Government was given wrong information by the boroughs; especially by Westminster.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the other members of Misc 79: Imogen Wilde (Department of Education and Science), David Edmonds (Department of the Environment), Muir Russell (Scottish Office), Adam Peat (Welsh Office), David Heyhoe (Lord President's Office), Anthony Mayer (Department of Transport), David Clark (Department of Health and Social Security), Terry Mathews (Office of the Chief Secretary, HMT Treasury), Keith Long (Office of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster), Lester Hicks (Office of the Minister for Local Government and Environmental Services, Department of the Environment), and to David Wright (Cabinet Office), *Kim Benson Dept of Industry, Scotland Office.*

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MISC 79(82)12: THE FUTURE OF ILEA

Dear Michael,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 19 July to John Halliday conveying the Prime Minister's comments on my Secretary of State's paper for MISC 79 about the future of the ILEA.

In presenting his paper to MISC 79 my Secretary of State will enlarge upon the arguments related to an option for the partial break-up of ILEA by allowing local authorities the right to opt out of ILEA. In the light of the discussion, he will then consider what further work might be needed in relation to this and other options.

I am sending copies of this letter to those who received yours.

Yours ever,

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Private Secretary

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