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From the Private Secretary

20 January 1987

Dear Robin,

TAKE UP OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES IN INNER CITIES

The Secretary of State for Employment at a recent meeting with the Prime Minister referred to the fact that a number of local authorities in inner cities were choosing not to take up their entitlement to resources which were available to them through Central Government programmes. Southwark for example was taking no advantage of the Community Programme or YTS and the ILEA had refused money under TVEI. Your Secretary of State referred to the fact that some Inner London Boroughs had refused to take money under the Urban Housing Renewal Programme.

The Prime Minister believes that it would be useful to bring together available examples of this kind and I should be grateful if you could take this on, on the basis of your own figures and contributions from the Departments of Employment and Education (and any others if appropriate). The Prime Minister will wish to consider how best to make use of the material when it has been compiled.

I am copying this letter to Tony Kuczys (H.M. Treasury), Andrew Lansley (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office), John Turner (Department of Employment) and Rob Smith (Department of Education and Science).

Yours,
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