

for

PRIME MINISTER

You suggested that it might be a good idea to write to a selected number of Bishops as part of the launch of the Inner Cities document entitled "Action for Cities".

I attach (at Flag A) a list of suitable recipients for your approval. It was thought better not to get involved in Wales or Scotland, or with any of the non-established churches. I hope you agree.

I also attach (at Flag B) a draft letter which we will have prepared, if you like the text, for you to sign on Friday, to be sent by Royal Mail Special Delivery on Saturday so that they reach the Bishops first thing on Monday.

Arch

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*As the documents contain
the new announcements, I doubt
if it is right to send them
in advance - perhaps to arrive Tuesday
morning.*

SUGGESTED LIST OF BISHOPS

Birmingham

Blackburn

Bradford

Bristol

Canterbury

Chester

Coventry

[Derby]

Durham

Leicester

Lichfield

Liverpool

London

Manchester

Newcastle

Ripon

Sheffield

Southwark

[Southwell]

Wakefield

York

DRAFT LETTER TO BISHOPS FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

The Government's new initiative for the Inner Cities is to be launched on Monday, with the publication of a White Paper entitled "Action for Cities".

I thought you might like to have a copy of this document in advance.