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Rt. Hon. Mark Carlisle, M.P.,
Secretary of State,
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London, SE1 7PH.

Dear Mark,

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I cannot trace a reply or even an acknowledgement of my letter of 27 March; and I was very surprised indeed to read in the press over the weekend that you are now to hold a departmental inquiry into this matter.

It really would help a lot if we knew what the Government was up to. If we do need a rigmarole by all means let us have it - but let us know why we are having it. As it happens I cannot see the need for further deliberation as long as primary legislation alone is intended.

That brings me on to the timing. As I understand it unless access to Parliamentary time is arranged before June the matter will not be processed within this GLC administration's lifetime; and I have it in mind that, in effect, means never.

Can you please let me know what is going on. Meanwhile I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister and David Smith.

Yours ever
Horace.