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I was very interested to hear of your proposal to set up a Ministerial Group on Crime Prevention along the lines of that for the misuse of drugs. Here in Northern Ireland we have tended to concentrate on the prevention of terrorist crime, perhaps to the exclusion of the more mundane type of criminal behaviour. However it is a field which I am anxious not to ignore and would suggest that Nick Scott, who attended the Prime Minister's seminar, should lead our team.

My officials are currently engaged in a review of policy on crime prevention in order to ensure that none of the impact of the Prime Minister's seminar is lost in Northern Ireland and that recommendations from the various working groups are followed through here.

Copies of this letter go to the Prime Minister, Nigel Lawson, Keith Joseph, Peter Walker, Nicholas Edwards, Norman Fowler, Nicholas Ridley, Kenneth Baker, David Young, Paul Channon and Malcolm Rifkind.

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