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From the Private Secretary

13 June 1988

Dear Tom,

**MINORITY RELIGIOUS GROUPS AND THE
MAINTAINED SECTOR**

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's paper E(EP)(88)12.

The Prime Minister agrees with the conclusion in paragraph 7 that your Secretary of State should not in general approve proposals for voluntary aided status. But she has commented that there might be exceptions and that there can be advantages in maintaining a choice of single sex schools.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of E(EP) and to Sir Robin Butler.

*Yours,
Paul*

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