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From the Secretary for Appointments  
J H Holroyd CB

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*Dear David,*

**See of Liverpool**

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 16 June about the outcome of the meeting of the Crown Appointments Commission on the See of Liverpool.

The Prime Minister was most grateful to you for setting out the outcome with such care. However, having studied the papers, he has concluded that at this stage he is not prepared to recommend either of these names to The Queen for appointment as Bishop of Liverpool. As you will, I am sure, understand the Prime Minister wishes to recommend to The Queen someone who will not only meet the perceived needs of the Diocese of Liverpool, but whose present standing or future potential is commensurate with the importance of the See of Liverpool, particularly as demonstrated during the episcopate of Bishop David Sheppard.

He has accordingly asked me to request you to reconvene the Crown Appointments Commission in order to provide him with further names for his consideration.

*Yours  
J H*

**J H HOLROYD**

The Most Reverend and Right Honourable The Lord Archbishop of York