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SOCIAL FUND APPLICATIONS DUE TO INTIMIDATION

- 1. Representations by Belfast Law Centre about Social Fund applications by people forced to move through intimidation and the survey of applications in the period 5 May to 26 June 1992 refer.
- 2. While it appears from the survey (90% award rate) that SFOs are dealing satisfactorily with applications from people who have been intimidated we propose to underline the Department's attitude to such applicants by adding an additional category to the general list of priority groups for CCGs (draft attached). I would appreciate any comments which DSB might have on the proposal.

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P.S. The attached SFB paper on the topic may be of intent-