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*4<sup>th</sup> May 1961*

Gentlemen,

No. 22, Theobalds Road, Holborn.

1. I am directed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government to refer to the appeal made by C. B. K. Properties under section 16 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, against the refusal of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Holborn acting on behalf of the London County Council to permit the use of the second floor of the above premises as professional offices.
2. The Minister has had before him the representations set out in your form of appeal and in the statement attached to your letter of 27th February, 1961. He has also had the statement of the council's case contained in the Borough Architect's letter of 9th February, 1961. One of the Minister's officers has visited the premises.
3. The Minister attaches importance to the policy contained in the approved development plan relating to the preservation of residential uses. The premises under appeal comprise good residential accommodation and the Minister can see no reason why the second and third floors of the house should not be used as one residential unit. He is unable to accept that there are very special circumstances in this case to justify a departure from the approved policy.
4. Accordingly the Minister hereby dismisses the appeal.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

*F. S. MALYON*  
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Authorised by the Minister  
to sign in that behalf.

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