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Rt.Hon. Mrs.
Margaret Thatcher MP.

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Dear Margaret.

I do not know whether you have turned your mind to the question of a successor to Chris Patten at CRD. This note is only to ask you to give me the chance to talk to you about the type of man or woman needed before you make any decision.

I have already, I think, mentioned to you that if we are to retain the initiative in policy matters, then we need someone like Andrew Sykes.

I have, obviously, never breathed a word of this to Andrew himself, though I did mention his name to Angus some months ago.

No need, of course, to reply.

Keith Joseph