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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 November 1979

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for MG

Dear Peter,

Thank you for writing to me on 15 November about the relationship between national and local government.

I agree that we should have a discussion on these matters. I would prefer to leave this until after Christmas, given the tight Parliamentary and Government timetable in the next few weeks. I suggest that you and Frank Marshall should come to No. 10 at 5 p.m. on Tuesday 8 January. I am sending copies of this letter to Willie Whitelaw, Geoffrey Howe, Michael Heseltine, Mark Carlisle and Patrick Jenkin. I hope that they can join the discussions, and I would be grateful to see any written comments they have in advance of the meeting. You will already have seen a copy of Michael Heseltine's to me of 21 November.

If this timing is likely to be difficult, please get in touch with Caroline Stephens here to fix an alternative.

Yours  
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Ray  
with

The Right Honourable Lord Thorneycroft

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