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Rt.Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher MP.

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*Mrs Margaret Thatcher*

As you know, Angus and I meet every week with Chris Patten and Adam Ridley on policy co-ordination. At our last meeting worry was expressed that you might be badgered, personally, to get involved with proposals for and contents of regional Manifestoes.

We expect that there will be pressures to have such Manifestoes in some, if not all, parts of the country. We would suggest that you should distance yourself from any such proposals and from the contents, and should simply say that you welcome the idea but that you can make no specific commitment and suggest that the proposals - or the draft - be sent to Angus and me.

We can then make sure that the contents are compatible with general policy and keep an eye on the style, etc.

Is this approach agreeable to you please?

If so, Adam Butler and John Stanley will have the answer to give people who want to make such suggestions to you.

I should add that I followed up your commitment to Oulton Wade about a North-West Manifesto. He will be ready to discuss a draft in early June, and I am arranging a meeting with him, Angus and John Nott after then.

*Keith Joseph*

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