



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP.,
The Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
LONDON SW1.

Dear Margaret,

The Northern Group of Labour MPs is deeply concerned at the Government's proposals based on the review of the joint Doe/DoTp Regional Offices undertaken by Sir Derek Rayner's study team.

We are particularly concerned at the exclusion of Cumbria from the Northern Region and that a Regional Director is to divide his time between the Northern, Yorkshire and Humberside Regions. We believe that these and other proposals will have an adverse effect on the present Northern Region and we consider the Government's decision sufficiently important to request you to receive the three Officers of the Northern Group to discuss the position as a matter of urgency.

*Yours sincerely,
Jack*

JACK DORMAND MP
Hon Secretary
Northern Group of Labour MPs