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The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA
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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Peter,

Further to our conversations and your talk with Adam Butler, may I confirm the following:

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Mrs Thatcher would be very happy to speak at a lunchtime rally at the home of your constituency chairman, Mr Don Wilson, near Chester, on Saturday 4th August. David Smith is arranging for neighbouring constituencies to be involved. From experience at similar events, it is preferable for Mrs Thatcher to speak from a raised platform. The effectiveness of the microphones is of course most important; we would like Gordon Reece or his nominee to check them at the time, and doubtless he would be happy to advise as to a suitable system to use. We plan provisionally that Mrs Thatcher will be driven from London to Chester that morning, and return to London by car afterwards.

With regard to your invitation to Mr and Mrs Thatcher to stay at Islay House, I wonder whether it would fit in with your arrangements if they were to stay with you from Wednesday 15th August until Monday 20th August? They would travel by air both ways.

I know you understand how keen we are that Mrs Thatcher should have a proper holiday this year, and it might therefore be as well to confirm now what "outside" engagements she is expected to fulfil whilst staying with you on Islay. There are two: the hospital, and one Party function, which Mrs Thatcher would prefer to be arranged on the same basis as last year. Obviously Graham Macmillan, and the Candidate, must be informed, and I am therefore sending Graham a copy of this letter in confidence for information.

*Tom Sweeney.
Alison.*

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Hon. Peter Morrison MP

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- Sally James
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