

From

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Dear Margaret.

We have been following up the talks we have had with you on the preparations for a General Election. I have been discussing these inside the Central Office including the Research Department. One thing emerges from these talks. It would be of the greatest help if each Shadow Minister were to be asked by you to set down on say two sheets of paper the main points affecting their Department which they would wish to see stressed in any General Election campaign. If you could see your way to doing this it would be of the very greatest help to me, to the Communication Department and to Chris Patten in Research.

Yours.

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP.,



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2nd August 1977

Before leaving for her holiday Mrs Thatcher mentioned to me that she will be asking Shadow Ministers to set down on 2 sheets of paper the main points affecting their department when next the Shadow Cabinet meets before the Party Conference.

I would be very grateful if you could let the Chairman know about this as he wrote to Mrs Thatcher about this point on 19th July.

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