

*Economic Social Strategy Committee*

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Rt.Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP  
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*Dear Margaret.*

I have now had a word with Willie Whitelaw and Geoffrey Howe about the Chairmanship of the Economic and Social Strategy Committee which you and I thought should be at the centre of the policy-making operation. Willie is completely happy with your suggestion that I should chair this Committee in close association with Geoffrey, and Geoffrey is content also. The suggestion is that I should be chairman with Geoffrey as alternate-chairman so that he would take the chair if I were not able to be present on any occasion.

All the papers would come to you and to Willie so that you would come to any meeting you wished.

I am not nearly ready yet to propose membership, but I shall consult Geoffrey and we will together put names to you and Willie.

I am copying this to Willie and to Geoffrey - and also to Angus Maude and Michael Fraser.

*Yours,*

*Keith*