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

You said that you would quite like a note of some of the points that emerged during our discussion with the Letwins.

They suggested that we should use the word "different" rather than the word "better" when describing the diversity and variety which we believe are inherent and invaluable in society. They stressed that individuals may be good at some things and bad at others, while other individuals are good in different ways.

They argued that the main freedom, or at least one of the main freedoms, is precisely to be different - so that we do not become the "battery hen" society, which you reminded me was the phrase invented by Rab all those years ago.

Shirley Letwin has said that she has written some papers on freedom. She has sent several to me. I am reading them and will pass on a copy of them to you.

They also offered to do some work on the subject of "care and concern" - and I will remind them so that you have at least some notes if possible by the end of the month.

*Yours,*

*Keith*