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

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All Members of the Steering Committee of Shadow Cabinet

A proposed framework within which the Party might present its case sufficiently effectively — particularly in connection with Unions and the Labour Party — both to help us win the Election and to govern thereafter, was presented to Mrs. Thatcher by two men, John Hoskyns and Norman Strauss, a few months ago. It seemed sufficiently promising for Mrs. Thatcher to invite Mr. Whitelaw to chair a small Steering Group to consider it.

The Steering Group has reported to Mrs. Thatcher in favour of the proposed framework, which has been named "Stepping Stones".

Mrs. Thatcher now wishes the members of the Steering Committee of the Shadow Cabinet to consider the attached papers summarising "Stepping Stones" at the meeting on Monday, 30th January, 1978 at 5.00 p.m.