

From: The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC MP



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Dear Margaret

Following yesterday's meeting of Shadow Cabinet, I am arranging for the preparation of a list of speech themes which we may consider next Monday. I am also preparing a (long) list of "surprises" (not necessarily economic) to which we should be prepared to react over the next two months.

Prompted to some extent by what George Younger and Norman St. John Stevas said at yesterday's meeting, I feel that we ought to try to introduce into our policy-making two fresh notions: the identification of important interest groups for whom we should try to have something hopeful to say and the identification of certain attractive but inexpensive proposals to which we should also be giving attention. Jim Prior, to whom I have mentioned this, is in substantial agreement. Perhaps we could try to have a word about it before the House rises!

Agreed

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher M.P.