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



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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Can I have another go at persuading you to endorse my "enterprise zone" proposal as something we should put forward in the Election?

You will remember that it was hatched at a series of meetings at the CPS of that well-known group of Left-Wing Trendies, Joseph, Biffen, Ridley and Howe! I am encouraged to press the point again by the copy which I enclose of a report produced by the Heritage Foundation (sponsored by people like Bob Schuettinger and Philip Crane in the States and John O'Sullivan and Stephen Haseler over here) which (see page 11) describes the proposal as "arguably the most important proposal on urban problems to be put forward in many years".

I do not too often blow my own trumpet, but on this point I really do believe we may have an opportunity of making a break-through.

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher M.P.

We Box.

14th March 1979

This is just to acknowledge your letter of 12th March concerning your Tenterprise zone*. I shall of course make sure that he sees this as soon as possible.

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