



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

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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I thought you would like to know in advance that David Wolfson has joined the staff of my private office. He will also act as Secretary to the Shadow Cabinet to relieve the workload on Chris Patten now that we are in the run-up to the General Election. Mr. Wolfson (who is 42) has been advising my private office and Central Office for the last 18 months and is therefore familiar with the organisation of both. He will take up his position on the 5th June.

An announcement to the Press will be made at 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday 31st May and I should be grateful if you would keep this information confidential until then.

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Thorneycroft

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But similar^{Patten} sent to all other
members of Shadow Cabinet.