

PRIME MINISTER

This letter from Jack Dormand, written on behalf of the Northern Group of Labour MPs, asks for a meeting with you to discuss the decisions which have just been announced on the future organisation of the Regional Offices of the Department of the Environment and the Department of Transport.

What would you like to do? Would you like to ask Mr. Heseltine and Mr. Fowler whether they will receive this deputation on your behalf?

Perhaps I should add that we did turn down several times a request from the same group earlier in the year to come and talk to you about the industrial problems of the North; at some stage, perhaps you should consider meeting them so as not to appear unwilling to discuss Northern Regional issues, but I myself doubt whether this is a sensible meeting for you to take.

*Perhaps we had better
get it over - one day when
there is lots more news not
MS*

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