

Prime Minister

LEADERSHIP ELECTION

According to the formal rules of procedure for your re-election as Leader of the Party, you have formally yourself to determine the date on which this re-election shall be held in consultation with the Chairman of the 1922 Committee.

May I therefore ask you to endorse the proposal that nominations for the Leadership Election should be invited at the 1922 Committee this week? On this basis, nominations will close at noon on Thursday 27th November. (If a ballot had to occur which seems to me to be an extremely remote likelihood, it would take place on Tuesday 4th December).

John

MICHAEL ALISON
21.11.84

*TA spoke to P.M. and
back to Crowley Ouslow
to say "yes".*

*John
22/11*



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

I nominate THE RT HON MARGARET THATCHER MP
to serve as Leader of the Conservative Party.

Proposed

Seconded

Agreed Date



12 Downing Street,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1

With the Compliments
of the
Chief Whip





Government Chief Whip
12 Downing Street, London SW1

20th November 1984

I enclose a copy of the rules for the leadership election. As you will see the date is determined by the Leader in consultation with you. Following our conversation Michael Alison is suggesting to the Prime Minister that you should invite nominations at the 1922 Committee meeting on Thursday 22nd November and that nominations should close at noon on Thursday 29th November. This is within the 28 days laid down for the start of the election, which expire on Tuesday 4th December.

If the Prime Minister and you are content with this, I suggest your announcement on 22nd November should be on the lines of the enclosed.

JOHN COPE
Deputy Chief Whip

Cranley Onslow Esq MP
House of Commons
London SW1

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 22ND NOVEMBER

As the Committee will know, our rules provide for an annual election for the leadership of our party at this time of year. I have therefore to announce that nominations for this post can now be sent to me. Nominations close on Thursday 29th November at noon.