

PRIME MINISTERLETTER TO GROUP LEADERS

I have discussed your idea of writing to Conservative Group Leaders with Central Office and they make one or two points. The need for you to do this exercise is of course considerably reduced since the results of the election were so much better than expected. If you were to do it, Central Office had viewed the exercise as one to achieve a news story and it was on this basis that they had prepared the draft you saw. We could still prepare a shorter letter, although it would not be possible for this to be dispatched until early next week by which time some of its impact would be lost.

On balance, the results were so much better than we feared, I do not think it is essential, but if you are still keen to do this, perhaps we could have a word on Monday.

JFW  
7

Not essential.

Will do letter

to Eric Piddler

MP

JOHN WHITTINGDALE

4 May 1990