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THE PRIME MINISTER

27 July 1990

*Dear Willie*

Thank you so much for your letter of 25 July. It was very good of you to have taken time to give me your reactions to last week's changes - and very reassuring. We are all delighted to have Peter here with us, and I think the other changes have generally gone down well.

I am very grateful to you for continuing to keep a weather-eye out at the House of Lords.

*Yours ever*

*Margaret*

*P.S. Scotland still gives me great cause for concern. They will have to work together. No other*

The Rt. Hon. Viscount Whitelaw, C.H., M.C.

*Cause will succeed,*

*M.*

*JW*



From: The Rt. Hon. Viscount Whitelaw, C.H., M.C.



HOUSE OF LORDS  
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25 July 1990

Dear Margaret:

I try to avoid troubling

You with letters and messages but

I feel moved to congratulate you most

warmly on the wisdom of the reshuffles

David Mellor has always had great

drive and ability and now seems  
to have gained in maturity. He

arts will face him with just the  
right challenge. I am glad you have  
chosen Mr. Education as I share the  
concerns which you expressed when  
we spoke recently. Peter Morrison is  
a most inspired choice as your PPS  
as he has that rare experience of  
both Job and Bondy. He has also the  
advantage of already one man with  
which he is of great assistance to  
you. It was an inspired idea.



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Very best regards from me to the Clerk  
of the House will need a special form of  
disposition in a different kind of manner  
to an election. You have also rightly  
mentioned at long length with the wise  
balance at the House of the one  
Measure.

I fear Scott and little can come  
to assist you but after our best I



Came to feel that changes would not only  
only stir up greater difficulties!

On a Westcountry note I am glad you  
didn't have to use David Maclean in  
Scotland of course he could have been  
it for he is very good but it does  
take stirring up Anti-Scottish feelings  
dormant but tiresome in the extreme  
hat of England they think Scotland  
does too well!!!

I look with some depression at the  
phase of Leeds I try to look out



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In the way but I expect you are well  
informed about the tensions. Again  
I think it wise just to relax  
on I will of course let you know  
if anything really troubles me  
~~at least~~ to matters.

I hope it helps to have some  
strong support for your wis dom  
Yours truly  
White