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of 2/9/79.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

B.F. to MAP 14/10 - as 29 September 1980
a reminder, even if we
have heard nothing from h.M.

Dear Mr. Murray,

Thank you for your letter of 9 September inviting me to address the second National Pensioners' Convention, to be held later this year.

I am afraid that I shall not be able to attend. If you wish, however, I will ask a Minister from the Department of Health and Social Security to address the convention. Would you very kindly let me know and I will then make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Rt Hon Lionel Murray, OBE

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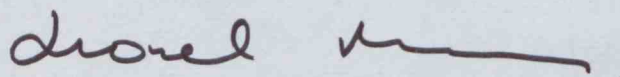
Dear Mrs Thatcher TA

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National Pensioners' Convention

Thank you for your letter of September 29, 1980, and on behalf of the Steering Committee I regret that you are unable to address the National Pensioners Convention on November 20, 1980. Thank you also for your offer to ask a Minister from the Department of Health and Social Security to attend in your place. The Steering Committee's decision, however, was to invite only the three Party leaders and I must therefore decline your offer.

Yours sincerely



General Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER

Len Murray has asked you (and Messrs. Callaghan and Steel) to address the National Pensioners' Convention on 20 November.

He does not specify a time, but this will be a busy day with Cabinet and Questions. DHSS do not see any special reason for you to accept the invitation. They have suggested the attached draft reply, offering a DHSS Minister.

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24 September 1980

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23 September 1980

Dear Mr Pattison,

Thank you for your letter of 12 September to Don Brereton enclosing a copy of one that the Prime Minister had received from Lionel Murray about the 1980 National Pensioners' Convention.

Unless the Prime Minister specially wishes to attend a gathering of pensioners' representatives there seems no particular call to accept this invitation. They may however be content to accept a Departmental Minister.

I enclose a draft reply along those lines.

Yours sincerely
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MR LEN MURRAY

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From the Private Secretary

12 September 1980

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Len Murray, about the 1980 National Pensioners' Convention.

We had some correspondence about the first of these events last year. This resulted in a delegation meeting your Secretary of State.

I should be grateful if you could suggest a draft reply for the Prime Minister to send. It would be helpful if we could have something by 25 September.

M. A. PATTISON

Don Brereton, Esq.,
Department of Health and Social Security.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

12 September 1980

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 9 September about the National Pensioners' Convention on 20 November.

I will place your letter before the Prime Minister, and a reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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The Rt. Hon. Lionel Murray, O.B.E.

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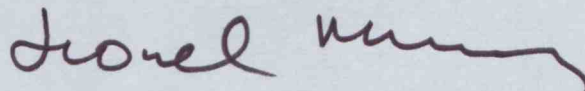
I write on behalf of the Steering Committee which organised the National Pensioners' Convention. The Convention, the first of its kind, was held in June last year and I attach a report of the event. The Steering Committee was made up of representatives of national organisations which shared a common aim of securing improvements in the lot of our pensioners. This includes the National Federation of Old Age Pensions Associations, the British Pensioners and Trade Union Action Association, Age Concern and Help the Aged. There is now to be a second Convention along similar lines which will be held during the day on Thursday, November 20, 1980.

Our purpose in writing is to invite you, together with the leaders of the other two major political parties, to address the Convention.

The Convention brings together over 2000 people concerned directly with the interests of pensioners and we are most anxious that those attending this important event have every opportunity to be aware of the policies being pursued by your party on behalf of the elderly. We would be pleased if you could join us for the whole of the Convention but appreciate the other demands on your time.

I hope you will be able to attend and I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely



General Secretary