



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

18 November 1980

Dear Mr. Murray,

I am grateful to you for your courtesy in writing to me on 17 November to inform me that Mr. Foot and Mr. Steel were able to accept your invitation to address the National Pensioners' Convention on Thursday 20 November.

As I told you in my letter of 29 September, I will not be able to do so. I will be fully occupied with the State Opening of Parliament on that day.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

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



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PRIME MINISTER

You turned down Len Murray's invitation to address the National Pensioners' Convention on advice from DHSS. He, in turn, turned down your offer of a DHSS Minister in your place.

Mr. Murray has now written to point out that Messrs. Steel and Foot have accepted. Would you like to acknowledge as in the attached draft?

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Dear Mrs Thatcher

National Pensioners' Convention

I wrote earlier in the year, along with the leaders of the other two major parties, extending an invitation to address the ~~attach~~ National Pensioners' Convention, taking place on Thursday, November 20, 1980, on your respective party's policies for the elderly. Unfortunately you declined the invitation. I am writing as a matter of courtesy to let you know that Mr Foot and Mr Steele have both agreed to speak. The Steering Committee's invitation is still open should you wish to change your mind.

Prime Minister

Mr Murray rejected
your offer of a D.H.S.S.
Minister in your place.

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Yours sincerely

Lionel Murray

General Secretary

cc DHSS
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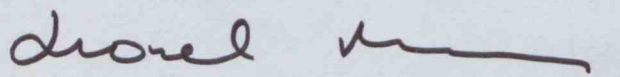
Dear Mrs Thatcher TA

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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