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PRIME MINISTER

Norman Willis has written seeking, once again, a meeting with you when the National Pensioners Convention lobby Parliament on Thursday 6 March. This is an annual event. Last year you chaired the meeting and Tony Newton was there too (the Secretary of State was unable to attend).

DHSS see no reason why you should not accept this request.

Agree to a meeting on Thursday 6 March after Questions at 1600 hours, and that the Secretary of State should also attend?

Yes not

Mark Addison

(Mark Addison)

16 January 1986

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

16 January 1986

Dear Mr Willis

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 24 December.

Mrs. Thatcher has asked me to say that she agrees to your request for a meeting with a delegation from the National Pensioners Convention, and would like to suggest that this takes place in her room at the House of Commons at 4.00pm on Thursday 6 March.

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I look forward to hearing whether this would be convenient, after which we can proceed with the detailed arrangements.

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Mark Addison

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Norman Willis, Esq.

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From the Private Secretary

30 December 1985

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NATIONAL PENSIONERS CONVENTION: MARCH 6 LOBBY

The Chairman of the National Pensioners' Convention, Norman Willis, has written to us once again to ask whether the Prime Minister would meet a delegation on Thursday 6 March, when they will be lobbying Parliament. You will remember the Prime Minister's practice is to agree to these requests.

I should be grateful for your advice on this latest invitation by 13 January.

(Mark Addison)

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December 24, 1985

Dear Mrs Thatcher,

Seventh National Pensioners Convention: March 6, 1986

The Annual Meeting of the National Pensioners Convention is to be held on Thursday March 6, 1986 between 11.30 and 4 pm at Central Hall, Westminster. The purpose of the Convention is to press for a fairer deal for pensioners, particularly in respect of the level of the retirement pension. Pensioners will also be lobbying their MPs on this day. The Steering Committee is also seeking a meeting between its representatives and the main party leaders as in previous years. I should be grateful if you would agree to meet a delegation on the day of the Convention.

You may be aware the organisations involved on the Steering Committee include the British Pensioners and Trade Union Action Association, Pensioners Voice, the Scottish Old Age Pensions Associations, the Trades Union Congress, Age Concern and the Transport and General Workers Union Retired Members Section.

I look forward to your reply and hope, in view of the considerable importance of the matters concerned, that you will be able to agree to our request.

Yours sincerely,

Norman Willis

Norman Willis
Chairman
National Pensioners Convention
Steering Committee

The National Pensioners' Convention Steering Committee includes representation from: Age Concern; British Pensioners' Trade Union Action Association; Help the Aged; London Joint Council of Senior Citizens; NALGO Retired Members Section; National Federation of Post Office and British Telecom Pensioners; Pensioners Voice; Public Services Pensioners Alliance; Scottish Old Age Pensioners' Association; TGWU Retired Members Section; Trades Union Congress; Wales Old Age Pensioners Association; and West Midlands Pensioners Convention.