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To write  
to JSG  
about:

PRIME MINISTER

This note follows up the various points raised by the Chairman at his meeting with you this morning.

1. A meeting with senior Central Office officials: JSG is submitting a list for your approval of who should come to such a meeting. I suggest we hold a meeting over a drink at No. 10 in the Autumn (after the Party Conference but before Christmas). Are you happy with this? Yes mt

2. Lord Fanshawe's departure from Central Office: You return from Balmoral on Monday, 10th September so I presume there would be no reshuffle announcement until the week beginning 10th September. JSG would like to announce Lord Fanshawe's departure on Wednesday, 5th September. This would prevent it getting tangled up with ministerial changes. Can I confirm in principle, the 5th September date with JSG?

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However, JSG would need to announce Lord Fanshawe's replacement at the same time and you undertook to think about his suggestion of Philip Goodhart.

3. The new Treasurer at Central Office: I was not present when you saw Alistair McAlpine recently when three names were mentioned. But Alistair returns from Australia at the end of August and I will remind him then to make sure he follows this up with you.

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4. Peter Cropper: JSG had not previously been aware that Nigel Lawson was interested in Peter Cropper returning to the Treasury but as you know JSG would be very happy if this happened. Is there any further action which needs to be taken eg. do you want to write a personal note to the Chancellor or speak to him privately about this?

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5. JSG's Telephone Numbers while he is away: both the Duty Clerk and the No. 10 switchboard have his numbers and he could therefore always be contacted through No. 10.

You said you would give JSG Mark's Dallas telephone number and accordingly I have given it to him in the strictest confidence.

*Stephen*

STEPHEN SHERBOURNE

1st August, 1984



10 DOWNING STREET

Strictly Private and Confidential

15th August, 1984

This note sets out some of the points you raised with the Prime Minister when you saw her on 1st August.

1. The Prime Minister would like to hold a meeting over a drink with senior Central Office officials at No. 10 - after the Party Conference but before the Christmas rush.
2. Lord Fanshawe: you said you would like to announce his departure on Wednesday, 5th September. The Prime Minister agreed with this so that it would not get tangled up with any subsequent Ministerial changes that might be announced later.

The Prime Minister agreed to think about your suggestion of a replacement but has not come back to me with any response.

3. Alastair McAlpine on his return from Australia will have to remind the Prime Minister of his suggestions for a new Treasurer.

STEPHEN SHERBOURNE

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