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Alex

This is the letter the  
Chairman should see about  
his meeting with the Prime  
Minister next Thursday, 15th  
November, at 4.30 p.m.,  
at Number Ten.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'S.S.' or similar initials.

STEPHEN SHERBOURNE  
9.11.84



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PERSONAL

9th November 1984

*Dear Tom*

The Prime Minister has just given formal approval to Peter Cropper's appointment as a Special Adviser at the Treasury. The appointment takes effect from 1st December, but the intention is that the announcement should be made in the near future, once questions can be answered about Adam Ridley's future.

The Prime Minister was prompted by this to ask me on the state of play of the vacancy that would be created by Peter Cropper's departure. She was concerned that there might be an interregnum before a new Director is appointed and was worried therefore at how long it would take to get a new Director in situ.

You ought to know that she has clearly been toying with the names of one or two Special Advisers with whom she is impressed.

She would like to talk to you about your plans to replace Tony Shrimley as Director of Publicity, as well.

I have talked to Alex and have arranged a meeting for you and the Prime Minister to meet at 4.30 p.m. next Thursday, 15th November, here at Number Ten.

*Yours  
Stephen*

STEPHEN SHERBOURNE  
Political Secretary

John Selwyn Gummer Esq MP