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Note of meeting of CPS Management Board held on Tuesday, September 27th
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Present : KJ, NV, AS, GF, SW and, for part of meeting, PK.

Apologies from AR.

1. GF's minute of meeting held on July 26th was approved.
2. Matters arising: GF reported that at NV's suggestion RM had produced a paper setting out the basis of calculation of the average national wage and the average manual worker wage. It was agreed that NV should raise the matter again on reading RM's paper.
3. Reporting on progress of specialist committees, AS said that both the group on transport and the group on energy were producing papers under the direction of their respective chairmen. He proposed the creation of two committees - one on health and another on housing and land. It was agreed that PVE should be asked to be secretary of health committee and that KJ and NV should seek someone to service housing committee.
4. GF said that Prof. Peter Bauer and Arianna Stassinopoulos were to address the Centre's "fringe" meeting at Blackpool. The meeting would be chaired by Prof. Julius Gould, and will be held on Thursday, 13th October at Tiffany's, Central Drive, Blackpool. The subject is 'The British Disease'.
5. NV said that the Centre's current level of expenditure was giving rise for concern. He asked all staff members to be as economical as possible. On the matter of Dr. Clark's expenses these would have to be met by the Centre. The FEE trustees were understandably reluctant to accept financial responsibility for Dr. Clark's salary and expenses.

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6. GF submitted a proposal for a manager's handbook, setting out the purpose, cost and subject perimeters of the publication. He said Prof. Alan Sykes, and Dr. James Livingstone had agreed to write the work. The idea had received the active support and encouragement of 10 major companies. It was agreed that FEE trustees should be asked to give proposal support at next meeting on the understanding that a number of companies would very probably agree to make substantial orders.

7. GF said that Andrew Chalk, a Vice-Chairman of FCS had drawn up plans for a University of the Open Society to which it was hoped that 500 - 1000 students from British, US and European universities would attend. It was agreed that GF and MB should continue to help support the project.

8. KJ said that during his US trip he had been impressed by the Heritage Foundation policy of publishing well-timed background papers on contemporary issues. He asked Board members to consider whether this idea could be transplanted here. He proposed to ask John Biffen whether he would like to be involved.

9. NV said that it was plain we should need to top up donations to Centre in view of inflation and extra work-load. He was preparing a budget forecast.

10. KJ reported that he had sent Brian Quinn's paper to Geoffrey Wood for comment. In principle Sir Arnold Weinstock had agreed to provide the foreword.

POP series. AS reported that he had agreed with NV not to publish all the papers as he considered some were sub-standard. He would make a choice and they would be published under one title 'Stimuli: Essays in Policy Options'. KJ particularly asked that Peter Walker's paper be included.

KJ asked that RAP should consider publishing some of his recent articles.

The Board gave approval in principal to a series on competition policy as outlined by SW.

The next meeting of the CPS Management Board will be on Tuesday, 25th October at 11.00 a.m., and will be followed by lunch.

TO : KJ
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