



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

Alan Howarth - Conservative Central Office

1. Peter Thorneycroft had a talk last evening with Alistair McAlpine and Alan Howarth.
2. Although Alistair is not entirely happy with the proposal that Alan should be appointed as an additional Vice-Chairman, he said to Peter and to Alan that he, Alistair, would do his utmost to make a success of the new arrangements.
3. Peter is very greatly concerned about the finances of our Party and says that we are right up to the limit of our overdraft facilities.
4. Herewith, for your approval, draft announcement which Peter would like to make on Thursday of this week. I have just one thought about this. Do you think that it would be better to say "the Prime Minister has appointed Mr. Alan Howarth as an additional Vice Chairman", rather than the words in Peter's draft?
5. I take it that you do not think it necessary for you to see Alan yourself.

18th November, 1980


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Perhaps it would be better to leave Peter's draft and it.

*Agree the announcement
no.*

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