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PRIME MINISTER

You are attending the Conservative Philosophy Group discussion (Hugh Fraser etc) on Monday, 9 February, at which you have said you will take part though not speak officially. The subject for the evening is "ethical problems" of the mid 1980s. Is there anybody that you would like to have a word with about this subject before the evening?

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26 January 1981

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Any briefing needed?

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PRIME MINISTER

CONSERVATIVE PHILOSOPHY GROUP -  
Meeting at 47 Phillimore Gardens,  
London W8 at 8.00 p.m. for 8.15 p.m.  
on Monday 9th February, 1981

1. Herewith letter from Hugh Fraser dated 23rd December, plus Caroline's note to me of the following date.
2. Also herewith, for your approval, my letter to Hugh Fraser. I do not think that we can get away with less than this.
3. Do you agree that my letter to Hugh should be sent, please?

31st December 1980

Ian Gow

Yes - send

But I am not going to speculate  
only to make an interesting  
contribution to discussion.

Perhaps 'whip' will see us!  
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Noted by Cl. 2/1/81



10 DOWNING STREET

29th December, 1980

Conservative Philosophy Group.

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you very much for your letter of 23rd December addressed to her.

I think that it would be splendid if Dr. Edward Norman could lead the discussion, before dinner, on "Ethics and Politics in the 1980s".

The Prime Minister would not want to make a formal speech of any kind after dinner, but will, of course, be pleased to make a short contribution to the discussion.

Having been privileged to attend an earlier meeting of the Group just before the General Election of May, 1979, at which Milton Friedman spoke, I am sure that this will fit in with your customary procedure.

Do please have a word on the telephone if you would like to do so.

Ian Gow

The Rt. Hon. Sir Hugh Fraser, MBE, MP.



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MR. GOW

I am not at all happy about this latest letter from Hugh Fraser. He didn't mention the PM having to speak herself in previous correspondence. She would have to do so much work to do so - can you please write to Hugh Fraser saying that she is coming to listen.

CS

24 December 1980