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Meeting with the Executive of the 1922 Committee Wednesday, 15th December - 4.30 p.m.

- 1. Herewith list of the Officers and Executive.
- 2. The only change in the Executive, following last month's Elections is that Bill Benyon has replaced George Gardiner. You may like to say a word of welcome to Bill, and ask how he is following the assault made upon him.
- 3. The Executive wishes to raise the following matters with you:-
 - (a) Unemployment
 - (b) Tax Threshholds
 - (c) Defence.

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LUNCHEON AT THE SAVOY TO BE GIVEN IN YOUR HONOUR BY THE WHOLE 1922 COMMITTEE

- 1. You will remember that the Executive of the 1922 Committee is coming to see you here at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th December.
- 2. You have agreed to give lunch for the Executive here on Wednesday 9th February 1983.
- 3. At a meeting of the Executive yesterday, it was decided to take soundings among our Backbenchers as to whether there should be a repeat of the Savoy lunch in your honour; you will remember that such a lunch was given shortly after the 1979 General Election.
- 4. In addition to the soundings which are being taken among our Backbenchers as to whether they would like this, Edward asked for your views.
- 5. If such a lunch is to take place, it would be held in July 1983. That is always the worst month for you. You would have to make a speech. I am not very keen on the impression that would be given by Conservative Members of Parliament having a slap up lunch at the Savoy with 3½ million unemployed.
- 6. My own view is that the importance of this occasion is enhanced by having it once only in each Parliament, ie as soon after the General Election as is convenient.
- 7. My view is that it would be better to defer such a lunch until after the next General Election.

8. If you agree, I will present this view, tactfully, to Edward.

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