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Minutes of CPS Management Board meeting held on Wednesday,
March 14th, 1979 at 10.00 a.m.

Present : KJ, NV, DY, AS, SW, GF and, for part of meeting, PK.

Apologies from : AR

1. GF's note of meeting held on Wednesday, 31st January was read and approved.

2. Matters arising :

(i) GF reported that two seminars had been held since the previous Management Board meeting, one attended by 20 students, the other by 10. Both had been successful.

(ii) Conference fringe meeting : Bearing in mind the uncertainty of whether there would be a Party Conference, it was agreed that an invitation should not now be extended to Professor Hayek. AS said that he would submit alternative names.

(iii) Bibliography : GF said that FEE had now relinquished responsibility for the Bibliography. Julius Gould, Chris Tame and GF would be bringing the original text up to date.

3. AS said that the expert committees had reached the following stages :

Energy : This committee had now completed its report. He hoped this would influence the future direction of Tory health policy and that the report would also be published. The meeting agreed that the committee should

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now work towards an improved version of the report. KJ said that he did not believe that the report should be published before the existing Royal Commission on the Health Service had reported. Patrick Jenkin had seen the report and agreed with much of it.

Transport : It was agreed that the Transport committee should work towards producing an improved version of its report which - subject to KJ's approval - would eventually be published as a discussion paper.

Energy : KJ said that Tom King accepted nearly all of the recommendations of the Energy committee. His only doubts about implementing it stemmed from political obstacles. NV asked that the Energy committee bear in mind that coal was a scarce commodity not only in terms of fuel but also as a chemical base.

Land and Housing : AS said that this committee had not been as successful as the others, perhaps because the members had differences of opinion about the extent to which the committee should devote itself to housing questions and the extent to which it should concentrate on land issues.

Other committees : AS asked for the opportunity to present the case for setting up further committees. It was agreed that his suggestions should be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

4. Finance : NV said that the new appeal had resulted in new donations totalling only £3,500. However a new and improved appeal letter would now be sent to more than 100 companies selected from the Times 1000 guide to UK firms.

5. The next meeting of the CPS Management Board will be on Thursday, April 26th at 11.00 a.m. and will be followed by lunch.

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