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MEMORANDUM

From Miss Cook  
Central Office Agent

To Mr. Hare,

Home Counties South-East  
Area

12th June, 1952

Mrs. Thatcher,  
(formerly Margaret Roberts.)  
112, Swan Court,  
Chelsea Manor Street, S.W.3.

Mrs. Thatcher came in to see me yesterday. To quote her own words - "it is no use; I must face it: I don't like being left out of the political stream!"

As you know, she was the Candidate for Dartford for the past two General Elections.

I told Mrs. Thatcher to come and see you, so you will probably be hearing from her. She is without exception the best woman Candidate I have ever known. I hope when you see her you will not think I am being over-enthusiastic, but she was quite outstanding when she fought Dartford. She always kept the fight on a high level and her knowledge and experience are far beyond what one would expect in anyone so young. She would make a great contribution to the House if we could get her in.

Mrs. Thatcher tells me that her husband is quite in agreement with her views and would do all he could to back her if she did get a seat. She is still busy taking Law exams and has another twelve months or so to go until she gets her barrister's degree. She feels, however, that she can quite well manage all this in addition to running a flat and nursing a seat. I know myself she can do this because now that she is married to a man who is comfortably off she will not have the financial worries she had when she was at Dartford. At that time she was doing a job, reading for the Bar, and spending a great deal of time in the Division, none of which seemed to get her down. After all, it is something to be young! she is still very well on the safe side of 30. Politics is in her blood!

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Miss B. Cook

Mr. Hare

16th June 1952

Mrs. Thatcher

Many thanks for your memorandum of the 12th June. I shall be only too pleased to see Mrs Thatcher, and will look forward to hearing from her so that we can arrange a date for a meeting.

JOHN HARE