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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

24 September 1981

Dear Mr Goold.

Thank you for your letter of 15 September and I am most grateful to you for inviting me to address the CBI in Scotland next September.

I fear this is not going to be possible as my speaking programme for 1982 is very overcrowded. I am also due to go on an extensive overseas trip that month. But I would very much appreciate the opportunity of meeting some of your members. As you know, I come to Scotland each September for a weekend at Balmoral and I wonder whether you could arrange a reception - followed by a dinner with your Council. I hope you will not mind if I do not make a speech. I will in fact have to make one that week anyway as I am committed to go to a big fete in the North East of Scotland as part of SCUA's anniversary. I am not sure which weekend Balmoral will be, but it is usually the second in September which would make it the 11th/12th and I could come to you on Wednesday evening the 8th. If you agree to this idea in principle my office will of course be in touch with you again.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

The reception could include quite a lot of people - but dinner could be comparatively small so that we can have a real discussion.

James D. Goold, Esq.

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PRIME MINISTER

I attach correspondence from Mr Goold of the CBI in Scotland. We had hoped to have a word with you about this invitation at the diary meeting this morning.

May I please ask you to reconsider this offer. You are already committed to going to Scotland four times next year as it is SCUA's anniversary:-(a) for the Conference in May. (b) to a big fête in the North East. (c) to Balmoral. (d) to a St Andrew's night dinner in Glasgow on Tuesday, 30 November.

The large fête plus Balmoral will probably take place at the same time.

It really would be crazy to take on anything more and I attach a list of 1982 speeches you are already committed to. I hope you will agree with me that the diary is in a complete mess.

Agree to refuse the CBI?

Wed/ Dinner  
Glasgow  
Council?  
Reception followed  
by dinner.

*ES.* The point is  
that he asked  
for assistance and  
I thought we could  
do it, just before the  
Belmont visit.  
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CAROLINE

I do not know whether  
Good, Pres. of CBI Scotland  
has written to you but

I would point out that  
the P.M. has "come"  
CBI Wales and England  
and we have to watch  
and stop those refusing  
CBI, Scotland

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Mr Goold,

Thank you very much for your letter of 15 September and for inviting me to be Guest of Honour at the Annual Dinner of CBI Scotland in Glasgow next September.

Alas, I cannot accept. I shall be out of country on an official overseas trip that month. In addition, I am already committed to visiting Scotland four times next year and it would be very difficult to find time for a further visit. I am so sorry.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

J.D. Goold, Esq.

P.S. If Caroline lets you have details of the dates for next year (which will

We shall be in Scotland in Sept. - before Edinburgh.  
Can we not offer him a date?  
It is our party's intention to be in Scotland next