

PRIME MINISTER

Clive Whitmore told me that you were interested in attending, at some future date, one of the CPS's energy group's discussions. I spoke to Alfred Sherman today and he made various points:

- (a) The energy group is about to submit their report and is therefore on the point of being disbanded.
- (b) It would be difficult for you to meet members of one particular group without offending the others.
- (c) Ideally the CPS wish you to attend a reception - the first half hour of which the group leaders would *each* give you a two minute rundown of their particular group activities.
- (d) All the members of the respective groups are voluntary workers and it would raise morale enormously if you could attend some function, as you did in the past. The CPS would also invite the donors and it would be an opportunity for you to thank them for making the existence of these groups possible.

May I have your views please?

*Alfred
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C.S.

11 December 1979



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THE PRIME MINISTER

7 December, 1979.

*C.S.
For action taken here
already of.*

Dear Hugh,

Richard Ryder has shown me your letter of 22 November in which you kindly invited me to participate in a discussion with the members of your study groups.

Although my diary is desperately overcrowded already, I should very much like to join one of your meetings. I would be particularly interested in taking part in one of the Energy Group's discussions. I have asked my office to get in touch with you to see if we can find a convenient time.

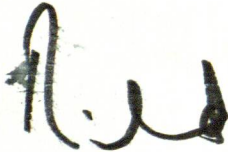
*Yours truly
Margaret*

*① Action Plan
② Vanda's Committee
③ Meeting on Receipt
④ 1/21 from Leeds
⑤ 20/11 from Oxford
⑥ 20/11 from Oxford
⑦ 20/11 from Oxford*

Professor Hugh Thomas

Caroline

I have no firm views either way. Naturally, it is a party which the Prime Minister would probably find worthwhile in normal times, but in view of the diary pressures at the moment I think it should be considered as an opening for the middle or end of next year by which time these study groups will have been in operation for rather longer than some of them have been so far.



Richard
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Dear Richard:

I know that Alfred has mentioned to you the idea of asking the Prime Minister to have a discussion with the members of our study groups. Like him, I think it wd. be a very good idea. I believe that she met them (or these people's predecessors) before when still in opposition. They wd. of course, be inspired, & they are all in their way leaders of the community. I enclose a list of members currently concerned in study groups, to which we shd add the names of those working at the Centre.

Yours ever,

Hugh

Richard Ryder Esq

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