

MEMORANDUM

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TO: KJ  
cc. MW, NV, SW,

FROM: AS

CPS and CRD

The gratification with which we welcome Margaret's invitation to collaborate more closely with the Party's "regulars" needs no elaborate: we regard her invitation as an accolade. Hence we are honour bound to invest hard thinking into finding the most fruitful modes of collaboration.

The following considerations arise:

1. Would it not be more fruitful for us to begin by considering the scope for our collaboration with all arms of the Party, including CPC, policy-groups, specialist committees, as well as the CRD, in order to gain the best perspective.
2. In order to elucidate the most fruitful ways of helping CRD, we ought to know much more about its modus operandi and plans. They really ought to know more about ours, too. The question about our spare capacity reinforced this consideration; as you know well, we have no such thing as spare capacity, being basically a service unit operating a research and publications budget. Our capacity is our budget; that too is fairly well earmarked, as you know. To justify expanding the budget, in order to provide a more traditional research capacity for the CRD - which at present seems confined to current intelligence and committee- servicing - I think we should need to explore CRD thinking on what they wish to do.

A joint meeting, preferably with CPC, for which all participants prepare a brief presentation of their work and plans, might be the best step.