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Next meeting: Wednesday
20th February

Minutes of Management Meeting
Wednesday 6th February

Present: Lord Thorneycroft (in the Chair)
Mr du Cann
Mr Tim Cowell
Lord Denham
Miss Hooper
Mr Howarth
Sir Charles Johnston
Mr Jopling
Mr Knapp
Mr Reece
Mr Ryder
Mr A. Smith
Mr D. Smith
Baroness Young

1. Mr. Jopling reported on the business in the House of Commons for the following week which would include: Monday, Debate on British Aerospace Bill; Tuesday, Debate on Education (No. 2) Bill; Wednesday, Debate on Education (No. 2) Bill; Thursday, Debate on Community Fisheries Policy; Friday, Private Members' Bills and Monday, Debate on Broadcasting Bill, 2nd Reading.

2. Lord Denham reported on the business in the House of Lords for the following week which would include: Tuesday, Debate on the National Heritage Bill; Wednesday, Debate on HMG policies for economic growth; Debate on Criminal Justice (Amendment) Bill, Debate on Interpretation of Legislation; Thursday, Debate on HMG policy relating to airports and Debate on the security situation in Northern Ireland.

3. The Chairman would be asking Mr. Maude if they could meet, on a regular basis, in order that the Chairman be aware of certain announcements to be made and therefore enable Central Office to prepare presentation of the announcement. At the moment criticism, from our own supporters, was that there was not enough fact

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and reason given for the announcements, enabling them to explain on the doorstep the reasons for such action. Mr. Derek Howe could also be of assistance in this plan.

The Chief Whip and Lord Denham would attempt to advise the Management of two weeks' business, although it was accepted that it would probably alter. This too would be of help to the relevant Departments at Central Office.

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4. Miss Hooper reported on the Southend-East By-Election; out of 388 applications, they had a final line-up of six, which would be down to three by the weekend.

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The Association's organisation was weak and enormous effort would be made to ensure that it was well-manned; the Association were happy to receive this help; mutual aid would be vital.

Four GLC By-Elections would be held in the next month or two in London.

Mr. Andrew Varney had been appointed Training Officer, assisted by Mr. Ron Bell.

5. The Chairman was in touch with Members of Parliament responsible for Regional Groups of MPs, and was hoping to be able to arrange meetings with them, accompanied by the Central Office Agent, Director of Organisation and members of the Research Department.

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6. Mr. Cowell reported that Mr. Ernest Parkin had won his case in the High Court for members of his local branch of A.S.T.M.S. to pay their political levy to the Conservative Party.

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