



FROM: THE RT. HON. SIR KEITH JOSEPH, Bt, MP

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Rt. Hon. Mrs M. Thatcher, MP

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Dear Margaret .

I have now had a further talk with Irwin Bellow. He agrees that it would be sensible to defer an official announcement for the moment.

Leaving aside the question of what happens to Staflex - of which he was not Executive Chairman - it would be undiplomatic for a public announcement of his appointment to be made because he sits on AMA committees which negotiate with the present government.

I do urge, therefore, that no ^{reference}~~mention~~ should be made in any way whatsoever to Staflex.

The suggestion is that he should become informal adviser to Michael Heseltine on local authority subjects.

He will need no pay but, as you agreed, should have his travelling and a little secretarial help paid for. I am writing to Alistair McAlpine asking for £1,000 a year to be reserved for this.

I am also asking Angus and Chris to be aware that he will occasionally want to use CRD facilities.

I shall not write these letters until you let me know that you are content and that you have cleared with Michael Heseltine that he would be happy to have Irwin as an informal adviser, available much of the time, to help Michael and his team.

Would you perhaps send me a message when you have done this so that, if you are happy and your talk with Michael is satisfactory, I may write the letters and put Irwin and Michael in touch?

Keith Joseph

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16th October 1978

This is just to acknowledge your letter of 16th October concerning your further talk with Irwin Bellow. I shall make sure Mrs Thatcher sees this as soon as possible.

I must clear this with Michael
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Miss Tessa Jardine Paterson
Private Office
Leader of the Opposition

need to
make a special
appointment.

The Rt Hon Sir Keith Joseph Bt MP

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