EXTRACT FROM REPORT ON CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED BY MAIDSTONE DIVISION

PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION'S REPORT

Very pleasant personality - good speaker - calm yet forceful delivery and very much to the point - Has a thorough grasp of politics - tendency to the right of centre - A fine brain - great "appeal". This lady should surely be in Parliament soon.

EXTRACT FROM MEMORANDUM FROM MR. ENTWISLE TO MR. KABERRY
DATED 18.3.58

MAIDSTONE

Each of the three candidates had been warned previously to apeak for twenty minutes on "My Policy if I was adopted as the Candidate for Maidstone".

Mrs. Thatcher spoke next, and went straight into politics, leaving only a very short time at the endoof her talk for her tactics in nursing the seat. She was asked about her ability to cope as a Member, having in mind the fact that she had a husband and a small family, and I do not think her reply did not a lot of good. She spoke of having an excellent nanny and that as a Member she would have the mornings free (quite ignoring the fact that Members have committees in the mornings). She also spoke of having the weekends free, and made no reference to spending time in Maidstone at the weekends. She did say she would have to give up the Bar.

All three candidates took questions on the subject of their talks and then a ballot was taken