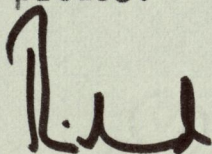


Mrs Thatcher

Could I have your comments on this
please?



Richard

12th April 1979

I didn't know the letters
had been cancelled. I was assuming
that I would be there on the
Saturday. (Can the minutes be
sent for the 1st?)
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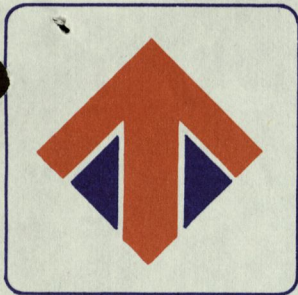
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I am writing on behalf of Mrs
Thatcher to acknowledge your letter
of 9th April.

We will be writing again as soon
as possible.

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9th April 1979

Richard Ryder, Esq
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of the Opposition
House of Commons
LONDON

Dear Richard,

Whilst I know that everyone is fiendishly busy in ensuring victory over the next few weeks. I wonder if I could bring to your attention a matter which will require a decision, if at all possible well before Polling Day.

Having cancelled the Scottish Conference from 10th-12th May, we have two problems as a result.

1. The election of the Office-Bearers of the SCUA which is done at the opening business session of the Conference. Russell Sanderson and his two Vice-Presidents were re-elected for a second term last year. This is the first occasion on which this has happened and the SCUA do not want to delay unduly the pending election of succession.
2. There is the question of the Conference Handbook which has all been proofed but only partly printed. This year we have obtained a record amount of advertising, between £5,000 and £6,000. If the Conference is delayed until after the summer, the SCUA Office Bearers feel they will have to give the money back to the advertisers and the Party will be faced with a substantial bill for the printing already done.

The suggestion is that there should be a One-Day Conference with a Rally in the afternoon addressed by the Leader. Perth is the suggested venue but this would depend on the availability of the City Hall. No day of the week has been specified but I would imagine Mrs Thatcher would probably be limited to a Friday or Saturday.

The problem of the Euro Elections is another factor which complicates the timetable. However the SCUA Office Bearers would like to hold it between 21st May and 9th June. Failing that, since the President is on holiday in the second part of June, a date in the first week of July would be possible. After that, Scotland is on holiday until early September.

Mrs Thatcher, I am sure, will wish to come to Scotland soon after the Election and I understand there is the possibility of a visit during the Euro Campaign. If that is the case, perhaps they could be combined.

I would welcome your observations when you have a moment to give this matter some thought.

*Yours aye
Graham*