

MEETING WITH THE EXECUTIVE OF THE 1922 COMMITTEE - 6.00 p.m. ON
MONDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 1980.

I had a talk with Edward du Cann this morning:-

1. The Executive would like you, please to start the meeting with a Summary of the short and medium term economic prospects, with particular reference to unemployment, and the likelihood of 2 million unemployed. Edward thinks that the reality (if such it is) of 2 million unemployed will be a slogan which will be much exploited by the Labour Party. He says that there is great anxiety among the Executive on this issue, and that those who are most anxious about the unemployment situation, and who will want to put questions to you, are Tony Grant, Ken Baker, and Nick Scott (who is very close indeed to Prior).

2. After your introduction about the economy and unemployment, and questions arising out of it, the Executive would like to raise the following matters:-

(a) House of Lords Reform. As you know, there is to be a Debate on this subject at the Party Conference. Charlie Morrison and Nick Scott will raise this subject on Monday. Both are in favour of an elected Second Chamber, almost certainly by P.R.)

(b) Northern Ireland. There is considerable unease in the Party about our Northern Ireland White Paper. This will be raised by John Biggs-Davison and Nigel Fisher.

(c) Bill van Straubenzee will raise the question of public sector pay.

(d) Peter Hordern will argue that the privatisation of B.N.O.C. should be achieved by the sale of shares, and not by the sale of bonds.

(e) If there is time, the Executive would like to have a discussion about the legislative programme for the new Session.

1st August, 1980

Ian Gow.

P.O.
John King

1922 Executive
4/8

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PRIME MINISTER

Your meeting with the 1922 Executive
Tuesday 29 July - 6 - 7 pm

1. Mr. Du Cann would prefer this meeting to be a formal business meeting sitting round a table. Do you agree?

2. I think Mr. Du Cann is hankering to have the meeting in the Cabinet Room which would no doubt flatter the Executive. Do you agree?

CAROLINE STEPHENS

18 July 1980

~~Caroline~~

B.F. 1/8 for

Is all well
with this? ^{yes} ^{hanks.}
28/1/4

Rescheduled for
Tuesday 4 August. Cf. 28/7



10 DOWNING STREET

Caroline Stephens.

1922 Executive - 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th July.

1. I had a word with Mr. Du Cann in the Lobby last evening.
2. He would very much prefer this meeting to be a formal business meeting, sitting round a table, rather than an informal one, sitting in easy chairs over a drink.
3. Personally, I do not agree with Mr. Du Cann about this, but my opinion is, of course, irrelevant.
4. If Mr. Du Cann's wishes are met, I suggest that we should have half an hour's formal discussion, before bringing in the drinks.
5. I think that it would probably flatter the 1922 Executive if they were to meet in the Cabinet Room, and it would be particularly flattering to Mr. Du Cann!

17th July, 1980

Ian Gow.