

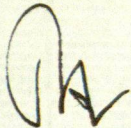
27 August 1981

MR GOW

CONFERENCE SPEECH

I arranged with the Prime Minister last night that Ronnie and I would come to the meeting with John Gummer. I have suggested to her that Ronnie and I talk privately with her, after that meeting, about the modus operandi for the speech preparation, so that we do not get into a muddle. My own view is that, while all material is welcome input, one person must be in the lead with final responsibility for the speech and that that person has to be Ronnie. I hope you will back us on this, though I don't think it is necessary for you to stay on for that discussion - that is obviously up to you.

Would it be possible to get a copy of John Gummer's draft to Ronnie and me on Friday evening or first thing Tuesday morning?

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JA' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

JOHN HOSKYNS

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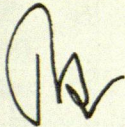
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PRIME MINISTER

CONFERENCE SPEECH

I have arranged that Ronnie and I will come to your meeting with John Gummer at 3pm on Tuesday, 1 September.

It would be very helpful if Ronnie and I could then discuss privately with you the modus operandi for the speech itself. As I mentioned last night, Ronnie is very concerned that we do not try to write two different speeches in parallel and then get into a muddle. On the other hand, we obviously want to have enough material ready, early enough, to ensure that we don't have an all-night panic. I have therefore told Ronnie to keep his time free from 3pm onwards so that we can continue with you after the meeting with John Gummer.



JOHN HOSKYNS