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NOTES OF A MEETING BETWEEN N.V., A.S. AND K.J. on  
9th MAY 1977 in Room 214, House of Commons on the  
FUTURE OF THE CENTRE

1. It was provisionally agreed that AS should have general responsibility for research, studies and publications, reporting to the Management Committee and to KJ.
  
2. It was further provisionally agreed that, in principle, the Centre should reduce the number of books and booklets published and would substitute in their place a limited number of broadsheets on subjects - to be agreed by R.A.P. and by KJ - studied by small, and if possible continuing, study groups.

AS had in mind 'Energy' as one of several with which to start.

NV stressed, and it was agreed, that the presentation would have to be in a form that did not appear to enjoin policy commitments and that KJ should seek to involve the Shadow Minister concerned, personally, or through a nominee in the study work, which would be objective and not political.

3. It was provisionally agreed that GF should be invited to take on the post of Secretary to the Centre and should be responsible for general administration and for the work of the Centre in the university student seminars, such as that of last weekend.
4. The responsibility for work other than research, studies and publications on the one hand and university student seminars on the other will be allocated by the Board as new work arises.
5. It was provisionally agreed that AS and GF should be invited to put forward a draft of their general functions with the aim of seeking a broad definition, so that people would know where they were.
6. It was provisionally agreed that Philip vander Elst would have - as his main task - the servicing of the study groups and would report for this main task to AS.
7. It was provisionally agreed that a decision on whether we could afford a research assistant/librarian for AS would be taken in September when the financial position was clearer and that if the decision was favourable, AS would be responsible, subject to agreement with NV, for the recruitment.

8. It was understood that these provisional agreements would be put to the larger meeting with SW, GF and MB convened for 24th May.

Copies for NV and AS

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