

Prime Minister

EDU CONFERENCE

Quite understandably you have decided not to take part in the EDU Conference this May. However, in view of your meeting with Dr Mock on Tuesday you should be aware of the following points:-

1. According to Sir Anthony Royle you gave an acceptance, in principle, to attend the Conference when he met you before Christmas.
2. There will be disappointment that you are unable to be present. This will be allayed to some extent if either Lord Carrington or Mr Whitelaw represent you.
3. Dr Mock is in London next week to chair the EDU Conference Steering Committee.
4. It would therefore be helpful if you could indicate whether or not you would be prepared to approach Lord Carrington or Mr Whitelaw about the Conference before Dr Mock comes on Tuesday. In that way we can seek to erase the issue from the agenda.

Richard

1.2.80.

*Now - things have
changed since Christmas.
Both at home and
overseas.*



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

1 February 1980

Dear Tony

When we last met you mentioned to me the possibility of my attending and speaking at the next EDU Conference in Vienna.

I have had a careful look at my diary for May, and it is very overcrowded. I have had to commit myself to making at least three major speeches, as well as there being a great many official engagements. I really feel that I cannot add to this programme and I do hope you will understand.

So sorry

Yours ever

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Sir Anthony Royle, KCMG, MP.

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Ref for conference.

Dear Jagard:

Meeting of EDU Party Leaders

Thank you for your letter of 17 November about next year's meeting of EDU Party Leaders. I am free on both 3/4 and 10/11 July and I should be glad to represent you at this meeting as you suggest.

(CARRINGTON)

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP

cc for Anthony Royce