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Memorandum from The Chief Whip

To: Ian Gow

I have been approached by Michael Shaw and Jack Page who are the representatives of the 1922 Committee on the Party's Policy Advisory Group.

This morning they saw a draft of the Manifesto. They feel that there will be a certain amount of disappointment in the Party that it has not been possible to do more on the problem of rates. They came to suggest that it would be sensible if a senior Minister could make a Statement on rates before the publication of the Manifesto in order to pave the way so that the impact of the Manifesto was not dulled by the disappointment which they feel will occur.

Perhaps you could consider this with the Prime Minister?

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