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PRIME MINISTER

Sir James Goldsmith has sent you a copy of his speech at the Small Business Bureau Conference which I attach.

He makes a number of points:-

- (a) This is the first Conservative Government to be genuinely committed to the individual businessman.
- (b) That one of the advantages of small businesses is that they prevent power being divided between large companies and State bodies.
- (c) He floats the possibility of introducing laws to give small businesses an "even break" both vis-a-vis Government and big businesses.
- (d) He has various views about the Loan Guarantee Scheme and the Business Expansion Scheme.

I have drafted a reply for you to send. — *This is attached.*

It might be helpful to elicit from David Trippier his views about Sir James's specific proposals. Would you like me to do this?

To

Yes please not
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STEPHEN SHERBOURNE

17th February 1984



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

17th February, 1984

Dear Sir James.

Thank you for sending me a copy of your speech at the Small Businesses Bureau Conference on February 8th.

I read it with very great interest and found some of the ideas most stimulating. I want to consider some of them carefully.

I am only sorry I was unable to hear your speech in person but, as you know, I had an extremely crowded day. Nevertheless your ideas are on the record so that they can act as a spur to those of us in Government.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Sir James Goldsmith



Government Chief Whip
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*please copy the
full game Goldsmith
speech and send to*

*Alison Ward
a.s.a.p.*

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Dear Stephen

LIAISON COMMITTEE

Further to this morning's meeting, you will remember that you referred to a paper by Sir James Goldsmith on similar lines to that presented by Chris Lawson to the meeting. Could you let me know more about this paper, so that I can obtain a copy before the Chief Whip gets the Small Business people in the House to work on it?

*Yours sincerely
Alison.*

Alison Ward

Stephen Sherbourne Esq.,