

PRIME MINISTER

Your meeting with the Chairman; Thursday 15th November, 4.30 pm

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1. The appointment of Director of the Research Department

Peter Cropper leaves on 3rd December. No successor has been appointed. An Advertisement has appeared in the press. Special Advisers like Michael Portillo and Robin Harris are interested. But the Chairman and Tom Arnold are insisting that any candidate for the job must give an undertaking not to stand at the next election.

2. The appointment of Director of Publicity

Alastair McAlpine and Gordon Reece are canvassing for this to be done by Michael Portillo, with Robin Harris doing the Research Department. I attach Gordon's note to you. I do not think the Chairman is aware of the McAlpine/Reece view.

3. Party advertising on the GLC

This is another example of a mild conflict between the Chairman and Alastair McAlpine. As I understand it, Kenneth Baker asked that Central Office should have a campaign before the abolition of the GLC costing around £200,000. You mentioned this to me briefly expressing your concern. By chance, Alastair then told me that he had been offered £100,000 by one donor who would like the money spent on such a campaign. He may have mentioned this to you at last Friday's lunch of industrialists. The Chairman now tells me that this

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£100,000 is apparently an interest free loan not a donation. The Chairman wants to talk to you about this.

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