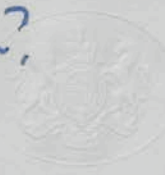


Should - 40y  
make it - £ 4 million?



Prime Minister

Content for a donation of £200,000 to be made to the Royal Academy Appeal?

I understand that the Chief Secretary will not object, given that the money will be found from the DES' existing DES provision.

PRIME MINISTER

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ROYAL ACADEMY APPEAL

Sir Hugh Casson has told me of his talk with you about the Royal Academy's financial Appeal to be launched in June.

W/C  
30/4

As you know, the Academy receives no direct financial support from public funds although it has rent free accommodation at Burlington House and some of its exhibitions receive Government indemnity cover. The Appeal is for £6 million to keep the Academy going and to improve its work.

The Academy would very much welcome an early gesture of support from the Government for its Appeal. They believe it would help them get a good response to the Appeal.

The Royal Academy is a much respected institution with a world wide reputation and a distinguished history. It is attempting to help itself in a major way by this Appeal. I believe there are excellent grounds for the Government supporting it - as in the case of the Royal College of Music.

If you agree, I would like to announce in my speech at the Royal Academy Dinner on May 10 the Government's intention to donate £200,000 to the Appeal. The money can be found by a rearrangement of my existing programme for 1982-83 and 1983-84.

May I have your permission to go ahead?

I am copying this minute to Leon Brittan, whose officials have already discussed this proposal with mine, and to Michael Heseltine, with whom I have been in touch about the needs of the Royal Academy.

P.C.

PAUL CHANNON  
29 April 1982



*Arts & Amenities*  
Prime Minister 2

*Paul Channon has agreed  
to find £1/4 m for this  
donation, as you suggested.*

Treasury Chambers, Parliament Street, SW1P 3AG

*WM  
5/5*

Rt Hon Paul Channon MP  
Minister for the Arts  
Office of Arts & Libraries  
Elizabeth House  
York Road  
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5 May 1982

*Paul,*

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ROYAL ACADEMY APPEAL

Thank you for sending me a copy of your minute to the Prime Minister of 29 April, proposing a £200,000 grant to the Royal Academy appeal.

Our officials have already discussed your proposal. On the understanding that the grant will be financed from within your agreed PES programme and the cash limit on Class X Vote 22, and that no actual or implied commitment to further support will be given, I am content for you to proceed as you propose.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister and to Michael Heseltine.

*Leon*

LEON BRITTAN



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*With the Compliments  
of the  
Chief Secretary to the Treasury*

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*Dear Willie*

ROYAL ACADEMY APPEAL

Thank you for your letter of 4 May indicating the Prime Minister's agreement to a Government donation to the appeal. As I mentioned on the telephone we have now agreed with the Treasury that it will be made up to £250,000 and Mr Channon will make the announcement on 10 May on the Royal Academy dinner.

I am copying this to Terry Mathews (HM Treasury) and David Edmonds (Department of the Environment).

*Memo over  
Mary Giles*

Miss M G E Giles  
Private Secretary



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Ans & Ans

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

4 May 1982

Royal Academy Appeal

The Prime Minister was grateful for Mr. Channon's minute of 29 April. She agrees that the Government should make a donation to this appeal, but she would like to suggest that the donation should be made up to £250,000, rather than the suggested £200,000, if that is at all possible.

I am copying this letter to Terry Mathews (HM Treasury) and David Edmonds (Department of the Environment).

W. F. S. RICKETT

Miss Mary Giles,  
Department of Education and Science.

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