

F. Taylor

15th October 1982

Thank you so much for your letter  
of 4th October.

It is much too long since I have  
seen you and I have asked my secretary  
to get into touch with yours in the  
hope that I may possibly get you to  
lunch soon.

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*Dear Ian,*

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Sincere thanks for your very kind letter of 1st October, and for so thoughtfully sending me a copy of John Stanley's letter to you.

Copy of my letter to John Stanley would cross yours in post and this I hope you have received.

The figures quoted by John are very promising indeed. To use reasonable praise in Taylor Woodrow language, I would say they are 'almost not unsatisfactory'. So, may I hope before the Election comes we shall be able to delete the 'almost' and say the results are 'definitely not unsatisfactory'.

The Electorate, Ian, are getting very concerned about law and order and, I am afraid, there is very little appreciation for the lack of effort by our Home Secretary, the Rt. Hon. William Whitelaw, M.P., something will really have to be done.

Ian, the alternative to our wonderful Prime Minister and our Conservative Government winning the Election is too horrible to contemplate. It will be disaster for Britain, for all of us.

At the moment it is by no means sure that we would win.

Please forgive me, but in my humble opinion, to ensure winning we have to:-

1. Reduce the unemployment, not only say we are concerned, but by effort show we really are and have plans to at least reduce the numbers.

In my letter to John Stanley, I made one or two suggestions which would help to reduce unemployment.

2. We have got to show better results on restoring law and order.
3. We have got to show better results that we are ensuring the essential freedoms of the individuals of our country will be maintained.

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4. We have got to ensure that free and private enterprise is able to bloom and prosper. This I appreciate is chiefly the responsibility of we in industry.
  5. We have got to ensure there is no more nationalisation and we carry out privatisation where possible and where that is not possible, then we de-centralise into workable, manageable units to cut out red tape and bureaucracy.
  6. We have got to face the problem, grasp the nettle of the bad Trade Union practices, including making the Closed Shop illegal, make secret postal ballots legally essential for the 51% + majority for the election of officers, policy and before strike action or industrial action.
  7. The Trade Unions must be brought into the same responsibility as all other people and adhere to the laws of our country. Where they do not, no imprisonment, but very heavy fines.
  8. We must ensure that the Communists and Trotskyites do not take over our country and make Britain into a slave state.

Ian, you will say a very formidable task ... so it is ... but if only the Government give our wonderful Prime Minister support, it is certainly achievable.

Christine joins me in the above and in sending to you, Jane and your family every good wish.

Yours as ever  
Sincerely  
Frank

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*This copy please to  
Ian Gow Esq M.P.*

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30th September, 1982.

John Stanley, Esq., M.P.,  
Minister for Housing and Construction,  
Department of the Environment,  
2, Marsham Street,  
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Dear Minister,

On my return from a business visit overseas, your kind, comprehensive letter of 7th September, was on my desk. In my absence overseas, my Secretary did kindly acknowledge your letter on the 13th September.

Your comprehensive letter I have read with interest and, of course, with most of what you say I must agree.

However, may I please be permitted to put forward the following suggestions for your kind consideration:-

1. These are times when courage is needed, particularly on the part of our Government, to restore confidence.
2. My good friend and Taylor Woodrow colleague, Mr. Hedges, was suggesting a 2% mortgage subsidy be started from now but not be retroactive. As a tax payer, certainly I will be happy for taxes to be used in this way to stimulate more house purchase, more house building and thus stimulate the other ancillary trades ... cement, bricks, roofing tiles, carpets, furniture, crockery, cutlery, etc., etc. Nothing stimulates an economy quicker or more comprehensively than home building.
3. Hopefully, it would create employment and the present spare capacity in the industry, which you refer to in your letter is mostly (if not 100% unemployed) in receipt of unemployment insurance and may be in some cases, extra payments under Social Security.

On another track absolutely, may I suggest that we should organise a Lottery in Britain on the same lines as the Australian Lottery, out of which funds they paid \$120M to build their Opera House in Sydney, New South Wales.

We cannot say that this is immoral, because already we have Premium Bonds which are a gamble. You buy Premium Bonds, with no interest, in the hope that you are going to come up

in the raffle and receive some form of payment. With money from the Lottery we could do many things and I would include first on the list the following:-

- a) Corby is a desolate town as you know. There is a suggestion to build a kind of Disneyworld in Corby which would completely re-vitalise and bring hope back to the people of Corby. This could be financed by the Lottery.
- b) Build a Dam across The Wash and thus create 2,000 to 3,000 acres of really good, productive farmland to increase our home produced food supply and also create a natural freshwater reservoir which is needed.
- c) A Barrage across The Severn, with hydro-electric power, with turbines being reversible so that electricity will be generated as the 30 ft. tide comes in and as the stored water goes out.

On an entirely different theme from all the above. At the moment we, Taylor Woodrow, are designing the Fourth Terminal at Heathrow Airport, London. May I hope that this will be called the 'Thatcher' Building'.

We already have, as you know, the 'Queen's Building'.

The next Election we must win and proposals like the above will, in my humble opinion, be of great help in achieving that essential victory. The alternative to a continuation of our Conservative Government is utter disaster for our Country and disaster for our Companies and disaster for the people of U.K.

Every good wish.

Sincerely,

Dictated by

**SIR FRANK TAYLOR**, D.Sc. (Hon.), F.I.O.B.

and signed in his absence