

PRIME MINISTER

Jeffrey Archer

1. Herewith letter dated 16th January from Nigel Fisher, together with letter dated 12th January from Jeffrey Archer.
2. You will remember that Jeffrey Archer went bankrupt, following a most unwise Canadian investment; however, his bankruptcy has been discharged, and he is now a very rich man once more.
3. I admired, greatly, his determination and skill in having revived his own and his Family's fortunes.
4. From the enquiries which I have made, I do not think that Jeffrey is dishonest. I have heard him on the "Any Questions" Programme on two occasions over the past year or so, when he has been a most effective presenter of the Conservative cause.
5. Subject to your views, I would like to send to Peter Thorneycroft a copy of Jeffrey Archer's letter dated 12th January, so that, if Peter thought it appropriate, he could have a talk with Jeffrey direct.
6. Do you agree, please?

20th January, 1981

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Thank you very much for your letter of 16th January, with which you enclosed an original letter dated 12th January, which you had received from Jeffrey Archer.

I will certainly have a word with the Prime Minister about this. If it is appropriate, I will then send to Peter Thorneycroft a copy of Jeffrey's letter.

If Peter would like to do so, he could then get into touch with Jeffrey direct.

I have heard Jeffrey on the "Any Questions" Programme on two occasions over the past year or so, and was struck by how effective he was. He has real ability, and I hope that our Party may be able to take advantage of the kind offer which he makes.

Very many thanks for having written about this.

IAN GOW

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House of Commons