

Prime Minister

Bill Shelton rang regarding Mr Rudy Narayan, the Chairman of the Brixton Defence Committee, and I understand a possible Candidate for Birmingham Handsworth to replace Sheila Wright who is not seeking re-election.

Bill is asking if he could let the Sunday Telegraph have sight of the attached correspondence which dates back to 1979.

My own view is that if it was used at present Narayan would say he had had a change of heart and events had proved him right to have done so. I think it would be better to hold our fire until nearer the General Election campaign, when, if Narayan is an official Labour Candidate for Handsworth it could embarrass him.

Are you content for me to tell Bill not to give it to the Sunday Telegraph?

*D.H.*

Derek Howe

1st May 1981

1 don't think  
publications would help  
at present. He would  
point to the unemployment  
figure and say he  
would have been the whole  
incident of anti-  
us not



29th April 1981

*with compliments*

to Sally Dickson, Personal Office,  
10 Downing Street.

from William Shelton, M.P.

re the enclosed, I would be grateful to  
hear from you.

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15th February 1979

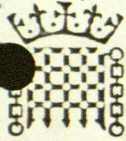
Dear Mr. Narayan,

I was very pleased to hear from Mrs. Thatcher that you are proposing to join the Conservative Party. If you would like to give me a ring any time so that we might meet for a drink and a chat, please do so. My telephone number during the day is 731 4331.

Yours sincerely,

William J.M. Shelton

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The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.

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8th February 1979

*John M. Narayan*

Mrs Thatcher has asked me to thank you for your kind letter of 29th January. She was very pleased to hear that you are on the verge of deciding to leave the Labour Party and are considering joining the Conservative Party instead. As you can imagine we have received several similar letters from people all over the country during the past few months and I hope that many more erstwhile Labour supporters will be encouraged by the fact that Mr Reg Prentice has just been elected for a safe Conservative constituency to fight the next General Election.

I am forwarding a copy of our correspondence to the Conservative Member of Parliament for Streatham, Mr Bill Shelton, and I am sure he will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

With best wishes.

*Richard Ryder*  
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Private Office

Mr Rudy Narayan