



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

12 November 1985

THE SAINSBURY GROUP

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MARK ADDISON

Robin Young, Esq.,
Department of the Environment.

MR ADDISON

9 December 1985

As requested, I attach a handling brief for the Prime Minister for tomorrow's Sainsbury Group meeting. The index of flags are as follows:

Flag 1 - The White Paper "Lifting the Burden".

Flag 2 - Kenneth Baker's Minute.

Flag 3 - Policy Unit minute of 8 November 1985.

Flag 4 - Lord Young's minute.

Flag 5 - The Report from DoE of September stating the progress.

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HARTLEY BOOTH

VC
MR HARTLEY BOOTH

I attach a draft letter to Robin Young, DOE, on which I should be grateful for your comments.

On reflection, I decided we should avoid at this stage specifying in too much detail the areas the DOE briefing should cover. However, I am sure it would be helpful for you to pursue this informally with Mr. Delafons, in time for DOE to take the points we discussed into account as they draw their material together.

(MARK ADDISON)

7 November 1985

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Ch. / PL reply

Agreed with DUE that they would keep SD a WO in force, but that we would not copy them in or this

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"Lifting the Burden"

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de Pricke leden afbreuk onder de naam:

I am copying this letter to Leigh Lewis (Department of Employment), Mike Winn (Mr. Trippier's Office), ~~John Mogg (Department of Trade and Industry)~~, John Graham (Scottish Office) and Colin Williams (Welsh Office) *and Paul Medder (Mr Howard's office); and to Michael Stark (RTM office).*

MARK ADDISON

Robin Young, Esq.,
Department of the Environment.

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MR. BOOTH

SAINSBURY GROUP

As you know, the Prime Minister is meeting the Sainsbury Group on Tuesday 10 December. DOE are lining up the Ministers and members of the Group who will be attending.

So far as I can see from the file, we have not yet commissioned briefing from DOE for the meeting, nor taken their mind as to the structure it might most usefully take. I think it would be helpful for us to have a word about this before I approach DOE.

MAA

MARK ADDISON
1 November 1985

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

16 October 1985

I am writing in the absence of Caroline Ryder, who is away from the office, to confirm that the Prime Minister will meet with members of the Sainsbury Group on Tuesday 10 December at 10.15 am. The meeting will be held at Downing Street. I hope this will be convenient for all members of the Group.

David Norgrove

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'DN', located to the right of the typed name.

Miss F.A. Saunders.

F-10

15/10.

DN

The Planning System

Ministers who met the
Sainsbury Group on 29/4/85

Tuesday 10 December

9.45 briefing

were:-

PM.

10.15

Planning group.

12.15

SS/DOE. - Told 15/10
AD

Min without part. (Lord Yang) - Told 15/10
AD.

RUSS ~~DTT~~ (Trippier) - Told 15/10
D.E.

+ someone from

OTI. - wmg

15/10

Howard ✓

Bolche.

Mart.

File

Make sure Howard's
office are copied in
on correspondence.



10 DOWNING STREET

David -

I have contacted

OOE, D. Young's office,

Tripper's office + DTI.

You have two items
outstanding for action.

1) Sainsbury Group are happy
to attend on 10/12, but
they are holding both
dates open until they
have confirmation from
you in writing.

2) DTI suggest Howard and
Butcher, in order of preference.
Suggest you drop Howard's
office a line telling about

Howard
- will attend.

The Sainsbury Group
and inviting him to
attend. Only contact-
Butcher of Howard
can't come.

JP

15/10



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

25 November 1985

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Sir John Sainsbury's Office, confirming the names of those coming to the meeting on 10 December.

Mark Addison

Alan Davis, Esq.,
Department of the Environment.

ECU

The Chairman's office

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Telex 264241

cc: Mr. Jace
Mr. Taylor
Duty Clerk
Front Door
Mr. H. Booth

Mrs C.M. Ryder,
Personal Assistant to the
Prime Minister,
No 10 Downing Street,
London SW1

21st November, 1985

Dear Mrs. Ryder,

I am writing to confirm that the following will be attending the meeting with the Prime Minister at 10.15 a.m. on 10th December:

Sir John Sainsbury
Mr Clifford Chetwood
Mr Christopher Benson
Mr Nigel Mobbs
Mr Idris Pearce
Mr Roger Suddards
Mr John Taylor

I am attaching a list of car registration numbers to assist your security arrangements.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Felicity Saunders

Miss Felicity Saunders
Secretary to Sir John Sainsbury

Att.

CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS FOR MEETING AT DOWNING STREET

10.15 a.m. 10th December 1985

Sir John Sainsbury	B204 YUV
Mr Clifford Chetwood	A81 SYV
Mr Christopher Benson	HKP 980Y
Mr Nigel Mobbs	A203 XRD
Mr John Taylor	B376 MLO

Mr Suddards and Mr Pearce to arrive by taxi





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From the Private Secretary

25 November 1985

Many thanks for your letter of 21 November to Caroline Ryder here, confirming the names of those who will be coming to the meeting on 10 December. Thank you, too, for the car registration numbers.

Mark Addison

Miss Felicity Saunders

PRIME MINISTER

CF.

I think we
have already
invited him!

CR.

MEETING WITH THE SAINSBURY GROUP

You agreed at the diary meeting that we would have this on Tuesday 19 November at 0930. Most of the Group can attend. As far as Ministers are concerned, the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Minister for Small Businesses can come, but Lord Young will be in America.

Would you be happy for Kenneth Clarke to come instead? If we delay the meeting it means waiting until December.

Yes

Content for Mr. Clarke to come?

Yes
not

CR.

Caroline Ryder

8 October 1985



10 DOWNING STREET

~~DM~~

DOE 'phoned re.
the Sainsbury group
meeting on 19 Nov.
will there be a
pre-meeting briefing?

CF

Do we usually ^{JB}
have one per 2 if so, 14/10
for how long & who attends?

JWS

David - see note at Flap -
A 1/2 hr meeting of ministers
before the meeting is suggested.

~~PPS please~~

1.

PRIME MINISTER

SAINSBURY GROUP

When you met the Sainsbury Group on 29 April, you said it would be helpful to hold a further meeting of the Group later in the year, to take stock of the progress being made in streamlining planning procedures.

We have provisionally set aside a slot on 19 November at 1000 (as you may have seen from the annual diary). The meeting would last an hour and a half and should, I think, be preceded by a half-an-hour meeting of Ministers concerned. The Sainsbury Group, and DOE, agree that the timing would be all right. If you agree, we shall go ahead and confirm the date.

Content?

Mark Addison

Yes

(MARK ADDISON)

27 September 1985

for Jon Parry
921,6000.

Caroline

Can you round up Sainsbury + Ministers
for 19/11 as proposed.

M.

cf. 29/10 please.

MR ADDISON

24 September 1985

SAINSBURY GROUP

DoE officials have now seen the Sainsbury Group (13 September) and would be grateful to see the Prime Minister. However, some of the group have informed the DoE that 19th November was not possible (members will be out of the UK).

I also spoke to Sir John's office (921-6000) and it is clear that, although 3 out of 9 cannot attend, that they wish to hold the date and would be grateful for confirmation of the time, etc on the 19th from Private Office.

JFB

HARTLEY BOOTH

CR
DoE are now chasing the officials, with a note can come to us soon. We should try for 27/9, and can discuss the proposal for a meeting with PM the wife.

CR

USA 24/9

NOTE FOR THE FILE

NEXT MEETING OF THE SAINSBURY GROUP

I put to Sue Vandervord at the Department of the Environment a proposal that the next meeting of the Sainsbury Group, to be chaired by the Prime Minister might be Tuesday 19 November. DOE see no difficulty with that date, though from their point of view they could in fact manage a meeting earlier. DOE officials meet the group on 13 September, and no further meetings are proposed.

DOE also question whether another meeting involving the Prime Minister is necessary. They argue that after the meeting on 13 September it seems likely that all the outstanding issues will be resolved with the group. I explained that this was of course a tune we had heard before, and that, despite the background music, the last meeting had been worthwhile.

Hartley Booth and Mr Delafong will be in touch before the meeting on 13 September. After that their Secretary of State will minute the Prime Minister on the outcome. That will provide an opportunity to confirm with the Prime Minister that a further meeting in November should be arranged. Meanwhile, we shall hold the date.

Mark Addison

MARK ADDISON

5 September 1985

*Ministers: Environment
Employment? (deregulation)
David Cripps
cc SO
WO
LCD*



10 DOWNING STREET

~~Cordell.~~

Wendy's identity
a 2 hour slot for the
fencing group sometime in
the Autumn pm? We had
thought early Nov would be
best, but it doesn't matter
much if it slips.

Then let me know & I
will speak to DOE.

MEAT.
~~9~~ 9.30 - 11.30 MEAT 2/5
TUE 19 NOV. Mij SV.



10 DOWNING STREET

Cerchi. at 6/9.

Can we hold the
Sanitary Group slot
for 19 November, but
take no further action
relating up the meeting
for now.

Environment are writing
in next week. We can
then confirm, if it is
decided to go ahead.
M.

MR ADDISON

17 July 1985

THE SAINSBURY GROUP MEETING

At the last meeting between Sir John Sainsbury and his group and the Prime Minister, it was said that the next meeting should be in September. I have now spoken to John Delafons at DoE and also Sir John Sainsbury, who both confirm that September would be too early for a meeting with the Prime Minister. Sir John's group is meeting privately on 13 September and will then go on to meet DoE. DoE, in the meantime, are working on various proposals.

The follow-up would be timely towards the end of October. By then, all the initiatives that are now under way could be properly reviewed, and certain new proposals on which Sainsbury is working (probably on building regulations) will have been developed. Can I therefore suggest that a meeting be arranged towards the end of October if possible?

JAS

HARTLEY BOOTH

CF
We shall have a meeting end
October/Nov. So by or 1/9
to set away enab in hand. | BK
MHA 17/7

MJ2ATJ

MR BOOTH

THE SAINSBURY GROUP

You will remember from the previous meeting of the Sainsbury Group, that the Prime Minister indicated she would like to arrange a further session in September. If we do this, it will be necessary to begin setting up the meeting soon.

It may be, however, that it would be sensible to delay a little until DOE have taken further forward the ideas discussed at the last meeting. I should be grateful for your advice on this after consultation with DOE as necessary.

Mark Addison

9 July 1985