

PRIME MINISTER

Central Office

The thought has occurred to me that, at some stage, perhaps in the next month or so, you should visit Central Office in order to have a meeting with the new Chairman and his team of Vice Chairmen. This would be good for general PR, excellent for CCO morale and would also allow you to talk over with Brooke, Morrison, et al, your, and their, ideas about the future. I thought that it might be helpful to Peter Brooke to give him some time to settle in so that the meeting was genuinely helpful to both you and him.

However, I know understand from Archie that you were thinking of going over to Smith Square this Thursday because of the gap in the diary. Although it is early days for the new Chairman, I would strongly support this.

1. Do you therefore want me to fix up a meeting this Thursday - say for 45 minutes at Central Office?

*It is more
to go around
the office
not*

2. If so, I think Peter Brooke should be there to greet you outside the front door for the Press photographers. Agree? *NA*

3. I would confine the meeting to Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Vice Chairmen. Agree?

4. I also hope that you will go over to Smith Square for meetings with the Chairman and others (perhaps at future meetings, senior staff) from time to time.

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STEPHEN SHERBOURNE
2.11.87

PEOPLE TO INFORM ABOUT APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIRMAN

~~Lord White Law~~

✓ Norman Tebbit)
 Peter Morrison) PM to speak to them personally
 ✓ Alan Mac) but failing that AH or SS

✓ Cranley Onslow AH to ring

Peter Lane (353 3020)

Lord Gould (4.30 to 5.00
041 332 0001)

✓ Alistair McAlpine (629 6596) SS to ring

Jim Spicer

Tom Arnold

Joan Seccombe

Shirley Oxenbury (222 4948)



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Dear Peter

The Prime Minister has said that she would like to pay a visit to Central Office this coming Thursday, 5th November from just after 4.00 pm until 5.30 pm. She has said that the purpose of the visit would be to move around Central Office and meet people at their desks.

You will obviously want to give some thought as to the best use of the Prime Minister's time. I would be very happy to have a word with you about this if you thought it would be helpful. However, I am sure you will find that people who know Central Office better than me will give you the best advice and I am therefore copying this letter to Peter Morrison.

At this stage I have not copied this letter to anybody else.

Yours

Stephen.

STEPHEN SHERBOURNE
Political Secretary

The Hon. Peter Brooke, MP