

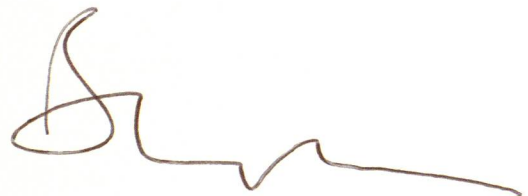
PRIME MINISTER

I am attaching, in connection with the Walden interview, the following documents:

- (i) Sarah Charman's minute of this evening setting out how Brian Walden proposes to conduct the interview
- (ii) my earlier minute of October 25
- (iii) a note from Sarah Charman attaching your and Nigel Lawson's party conference speeches
- (iv) a note from Andrew Dunlop on an interview with Kinnock in the BBC Today programme this morning.

Sarah has requested that there should be flowers on the table and Highland Spring will be available.

I have also spoken personally this evening to Brian Walden to ensure that the media do not get any knowledge of the contents of your interview before its broadcast. He assures me that, quite apart from the normal security arrangements within the building, viewing of the interview within the building itself is restricted to those concerned with the broadcast of the interview and those who accompany you.



**BERNARD INGHAM**  
October 27, 1989

PRIME MINISTER

Note - I just saw  
this on Sunday  
after the interview  
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THE WALDEN INTERVIEW

I have spoken to Brian Walden this afternoon to discuss how he sees tomorrow's interview developing in the light of yesterday's events. He tells me they will begin, obviously, by asking you about the Chancellor's resignation and putting to you that Nigel Lawson appears to blame you personally for his resignation. He will then develop the argument by asking you about your relations with both Nigel Lawson and Alan Walters.

He will follow this up by saying that you are constantly being charged with trying to dominate your Cabinet and that you cannot get on with the strong doughty figures around you.

There will probably be a commercial break at this point and in the second half he will turn to a general discussion of the Government's economic and monetary policy. He will kick off by asking you where we now stand with regard to the ERM and EMS given that you have been presumed to disagree with Nigel Lawson on the conditions under which we would join the ERM.

This will lead on to a discussion about interest rates and whether the pound is to be allowed to float or whether you will seek to maintain the value of sterling - will you allow the pound to take the strain.

Sarah Charman.

SARAH CHARMAN

October 27, 1989

## BACKGROUND

On the ERM you will want to draw his attention to what you said in your statement following Madrid - copy attached. The Treasury have told The Walden Programme that as far as the free movement of capital is concerned we would wish to see this in operation in all the major countries of the EC and that it would not be sufficient merely for them to have abolished exchange controls.

On inflation rates Brian Walden is likely to put to you that our inflation - at 7.6% - is much higher than the European average of 4.9%. You can make the point that other countries do not include mortgage interest payments in their calculations and that the underlying inflation rate here excluding mortgage interest is 5.8%.

The producer of the programme is Iain Picton, whom you may recall stood unsuccessfully as a candidate for Sunderland North in the 1987 election. He was also chairman of the YC's in 1981-2 and chairman of the Tory Reform Group from 1983-87. He is shortly to leave The Walden Programme and move to BBC's 'On the Record'.

No change

70.0%	1983
44.9%	(Lab)
34.1%	(C)
20.3%	(SDP/All)
0.8%	(Other)
Lab maj 4,342	10.8%

cmte in 1986; mbr. Select Migration, since 1985; Social mte, 1985-; sec. NW Gp of 1979-83. B Feb 25 1950; ed Mbr, Trafford DC, 1979-84.

n, in 1983. Chmn, NW Area ce gp. B Jan 16 1948; ed St C, 1977-81. Mbr and former

DP; treas, Bolton NE SDP. B n Inst of Tech; Salford Univ. MS.

## SUFFOLK COASTAL

No change

Electorate	%Turnout		1987		1983	
75,684	77.9%			71,521	75.0%	
*Gummer, J.S. (C)	32,834	55.7%	-2.6%	31,240	58.2%	(C)
Miller, Mrs J.M. (SDP/All)	17,554	29.8%	+0.6%	15,618	29.1%	(SDP/All)
Reeves, Mrs S.A. (Lab)	7,534	12.8%	+0.1%	6,780	12.6%	(Lab)
Holloway, J.W. (Grn)	1,049	1.8%				
C to SDP/All swing 1.6%	58,971	C maj 15,280	25.9%	53,638	C maj 15,622	29.1%



Mr John Gummer

Mr John Gummer became Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in 1985; Paymaster General, 1984-85; Minister of State for Employment, 1983-84, being chairman of Conservative Party, 1983-85; Under Secretary of State for Employment, Jan-Oct 1983. Elected for this seat 1983; MP for Eye, 1979-83, and for Lewisham West, 1970-Feb 1974; contested Greenwich, 1964 and 1966. Lord Commissioner of the Treasury (Govt whip), 1981-83; asst Govt whip, 1981. Mbr, General Synod, C of E, since 1979. B Nov 26 1939; ed King's Sch, Rochester; Selwyn Coll, Cambridge (Pres of Union, 1962). Chmn, Fed of Cons Students, 1961. Mbr, ILEA, 1967-70. A vice-chmn, Cons Pty, 1972-74. PPS to Mr James Prior, Minister of Agriculture, 1971, and to Secretary of State for Social Services, 1979-81. Publisher, writer and broadcaster; chmn, Selwyn Shandwick International, 1976-81; Siemssen Hunter, 1979-80, and a director, 1973-80.

Mrs Joan Miller, housewife. Vice-chmn, South Suffolk SDP, 1986-; S Suffolk area sec, 1983-85; Euro election organiser, Suffolk and SE Cambs, 1984. Mbr, East Bergholt PC, 1983-; B Feb 13 1950; ed Rosebery GS, Epsom; Warwick Univ. Vice-chmn, East Bergholt Community Cl, 1981-85.

Mrs Sue Reeves, shop steward and sch governor. B Mar 31 1943. Mbr, CND and Nalگو.

## SUFFOLK SOUTH

No change

Electorate	%Turnout		1987		1983	
81,954	77.6%			76,209	76.3%	
*Yeo, T.S.K. (C)	33,972	53.4%	+2.8%	29,469	50.6%	(C)
Bradford, C.M.N. (L/All)	17,729	27.9%	-3.4%	18,200	31.3%	(L/All)
Bavington, A.C. (Lab)	11,876	18.7%	+0.6%	10,516	18.1%	(Lab)
L/All to C swing 3.1%	63,577	C maj 16,243	25.5%	58,185	C maj 11,269	19.4%



Mr Timothy Yeo

Mr Timothy Yeo was director of the Spastics Society, 1980-83, and on its exec cl, 1984-86; director, Worcester Engineering Co Ltd, 1975-86 (now consultant to Worcester Group plc). Elected in 1983; fought Bedwellty, Feb 1974. Mbr, Select Cmte on Social Services, since 1985. B March 20 1945; ed Charterhouse; Emmanuel Coll, Cambridge. Jt sec, Cons back-bench finance cmte, 1984-; Formerly taught agriculture in Tanzania. Treas, International Voluntary Service, 1975-78, now a vice-pres; trustee, Tanzania Development Trust, since 1980. Led campaign to save Tadworth Court Children's Hospital, Surrey; chmn, Tadworth Court Trust, since 1984. Mbr, Independent Development Cl on Mental Handicap. Chmn, Charities VAT Reform Gp, 1982-.

Mr Christopher Bradford is a mbr of the Lib Pty education panel. Mbr, Cambridgeshire CC for 16 years and until recently leader of its Alliance group.

Mr Tony Bavington, secondary teacher of English, presently writing Ph.D in literature at Essex Univ. Mbr, Babergh DC, 1985- (ldr, Lab gp, 1986-); Gt Cornard PC, 1983-; B Jun 20 1948; ed Goldington Sec Mod, Bedford; Stratton GS, Biggleswade; Luton Coll of Tech; Leeds Univ; Doncaster Coll of Ed; Essex Univ. NAS/UWT.

## SUNDERLAND NORTH

No change

Electorate	%Turnout		1987		1983	
75,674	70.5%			78,520	66.5%	
*Clay, R.A. (Lab)	29,767	55.8%	+9.5%	24,179	46.3%	(Lab)
Picton, I.S. (C)	15,095	28.3%	-4.2%	16,983	32.5%	(C)
Jenkinson, T. (L/All)	8,518	16.0%	-5.3%	11,090	21.2%	(L/All)
C to Lab swing 6.9%	53,380	Lab maj 14,672	27.5%	52,252	Lab maj 7,196	13.8%



Mr Robert Clay

Mr Robert Clay, a bus driver with Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Executive, 1975-83, was elected in 1983. Secretary, Campaign Gp of Lab MPs. B Oct 2 1946; ed Bradford Sch; Gonville and Caius Coll, Cambridge. Was sec, Sunderland and District Lab Pty. Branch chmn, GMB, 1977-83.

Mr Iain Picton, parliamentary officer with Building Employers' Confederation, contested Rochdale 1979. Chmn, Tory Reform Gp, 1983-87; personal asst to Mr Michael Heseltine in 1983 election; mbr, nat union exec, 1979-82; nat chmn, YCs, 1981-82. B Aug 31 1951; ed Alleyne's Sch, Stevenage; Liverpool Univ. Mbr, Lambeth BC, 1982-86 (Cons spokesman on race relations and police).

Mr Terence Jenkinson, joint proprietor of sub-Post Office. B 1930; ed Pendower Commercial Sch; Newcastle Municipal Coll of Commerce.