



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

21 December 1987

Thank you for your letter of 18 December in which you invite the Prime Minister to give the key note address at the conference for Enterprise Agency Directors which will be held in Durham from the evening of April 5 until Friday 8. This does look to be a most interesting and worthwhile occasion and I would have certainly sought the Prime Minister's views on the possibility of her attendance. But I am afraid that the Prime Minister is likely to be abroad for much of the time of the conference. I really therefore do not think that she would be able to take this one on.

The day that you wrote to me, the Prime Minister announced the new responsibilities of Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster for inner city matters. Of course it is entirely a matter for you, but I wonder whether he would not be a suitable person, in the Prime Minister's absence, to deliver the key note address.

(N.L. Wicks)

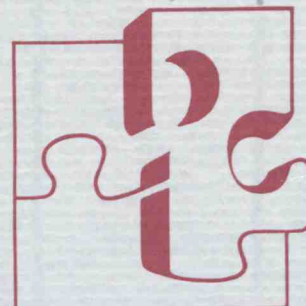
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18 December 1987

Dear Nigel,

You will remember that when I saw the Prime Minister early in the Autumn, she asked me to let her know of engagements or visits which would help develop the involvement of private sector companies in their communities. I will be writing shortly with several suggestions for this. However, in the meanwhile, I wanted to suggest that the Prime Minister might give the key note address at a major conference for Enterprise Agency Directors which will be held in Durham from the evening of April 5 until Friday 8. This Conference is being sponsored by Shell, the Industrial Society and BiC. It would make a marvellous platform for a speech, amongst other things, about the development of and importance of small businesses.

If there is any prospect of the Prime Minister being able to accept this invitation, we would of course be able to arrange the programme around her availability.

I look forward to having your response to this and meanwhile am copying this note to Brian Griffiths who was present at my conversation with the Prime Minister and would, I think, understand the significance and importance of the event.

Yours sincerely
Stephen O'Brien

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cc: Professor Brian Griffiths

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From the Private Secretary

17 December, 1987.

BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY

I enclose a letter to the Prime Minister from Stephen O'Brien of Business in the Community. I have acknowledged this, but have delayed a reply until the Chancellor of the Duchy could take it on. I should accordingly be grateful if you could arrange for consideration of the substantive points in the letter, and for the Chancellor to reply generally to the letter and to send appropriate letters to the Chairmen of the Target Teams.

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Attached to Business in
Community to PM 25/11

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Prime Minister ²

This is very clearly
something for Mr Clarke to
deal with. I have been
sitting on it, waiting for
his appointment to be
announced. But you may
like to be aware, (If
you were to write to all the
Target Team chairs you
would be drawn in more
than is desirable.)

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