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From the Private Secretary

3 November 1982

I attach a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has received from Sir Campbell Fraser enclosing the CBI Report on Unemployment. As you will see, Sir Campbell says that he would welcome an opportunity to discuss the Report with members of the Government and I assume, therefore, that you have already received a copy. I should be grateful if whichever Minister replies to Sir Campbell's approach could do so on behalf of the Prime Minister; I assume that such a reply will cover the arrangements for the Ministers concerned to meet the CBI.

I am sending a copy of this to Felicity Everiss (Department of Employment) and David Saunders (Department of Industry).

(TIMOTHY FLESHER)

Miss Jill Rutter,
HM Treasury.

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From
Sir Campbell Fraser
President



29 October 1982

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Prime Minister,

On Monday 1 November the CBI National Conference will receive the first report from the Steering Group on Unemployment which was set up under Sir Richard Cave's chairmanship as a result of our Conference last year.

A copy of the report - "Unemployment - a challenge for us all" - is enclosed.

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The report is consultative and we shall be seeking views and reactions during the next few months following the debate at our Conference. We have also prepared a 25 - minute film which will be shown to the Conference and which summarises and introduces the report.

We would very much welcome an opportunity to discuss the report with members of the Government and have sent copies to those directly concerned.

*Yours sincerely,
Campbell Fraser.*



Tim

10 DOWNING STREET

Michael

Vity really - I think we could have simply acknowledged. I don't think he is looking for a substantive reply from us.

MR. BUTLER

MR. SCHOLAR

Ask ~~Dept~~ Treasury for a draft reply, cleared with D/Emp + D/Ind, not dealing with substance but covering the arrangements being made for the Ministers concerned (excl. PM ~~etc~~, I hope) to discuss with CBI

How would you like to respond to the attached?

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1 November 1982

1 November 1982

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29 October and copy of the report "Unemployment - a challenge for us all".

Your letter is receiving attention and a reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

Sir Campbell Fraser

3/16

Michael Scholar - on return

I said to Campbell Fraser that I heard it was good and he might suggest that the PM saw it. It might be useful if she saw it sometime before her speech at the CPRS dinner. Pl. would you discuss with Caroline

ROBIN

Sir Campbell Fraser's secretary rang to ask when the Prime Minister would like to see the Unemployment film.

and Fraser's Secretary and see if we can work up

Is this something you would wish to pass on to Caroline ?

a proposition to put to the PM.

I didn't take the message, so have not conveyed anything.

EEB

Perhaps someone would like to ring her back ?

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26 November 1982

Ms Felicity Everiss,
Private Secretary to the Secretary of State
Department of Employment

Dear Felicity,

CBI REPORT ON UNEMPLOYMENT

Thank you for your letter of ¹⁶17 November suggesting that the Chancellor should chair the discussion on this report with the CBI.

The Chancellor is content to do so but feels that the meeting should be arranged for a date after Ministers have had time to consider the further proposals on selective employment measures now being prepared by your Secretary of State. Our offices have been in touch and I gather that the most convenient time is 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 December.

I am copying this letter to Tim Flesher (No.10), David Saunders (Industry) and to John Wilson (Scottish Office) and Carys Evans (Welsh Office) whose Secretaries of State have also been invited to the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret O'Mara

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Miss M O'Mara
 Private Secretary
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16 November 1982

Dear Margaret

CBI REPORT ON UNEMPLOYMENT

will repeat if required
 Thank you for your letter of 8 November about the handling of this report by Ministers.

As we see it, there is no question in this case of the Government making a detailed written response to the CBI. It is simply a question of whether Ministers respond to their request for a meeting separately or arrange a single meeting with all the Ministers concerned.

My Secretary of State is happy to see the CBI separately on the areas of the report which are his direct concern, but thinks there may be advantage in a single joint meeting (which seems to be what they have in mind). Such a meeting would normally fall to the Treasury to coordinate. My Secretary of State is of course prepared to take on that role if asked, but he does wonder whether the Chancellor would not in fact feel it right to chair such a meeting. The Report is very much concerned with the Government's general economic strategy and the Chancellor has, we understand, agreed to a TUC request to meet them soon to discuss the economic situation and unemployment.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours Sincerely

Mary Everiss

MS F M EVERISS
 Private Secretary

16 NOV 1982





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Prime Minister

Ms 17/4

Ms Felicity Everiss
Private Secretary
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8 November 1982

MJ

Dear Felicity,

We spoke on the telephone about the handling of the CBI's Report on Unemployment which Sir Campbell Fraser has sent to a number of Cabinet Ministers.

As I explained, the Chancellor had already sent a short personal acknowledgement to Sir Campbell before we received Tim Flesher's letter of 3 November. He did not respond specifically to Sir Campbell's request for a meeting, as he is in fairly frequent contact with the CBI on a range of issues. It would clearly be slightly embarrassing if the Chancellor were now to send a more substantive response on behalf of other Ministers and were to invite the CBI to a meeting to discuss the Report. He would therefore be grateful if your Secretary of State would coordinate the Government response.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Tim Flesher at No. 10 and to David Saunders in the Department of Industry.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret O'Mara

MISS M O'MARA

Frd Pst : Meetings with CBI Pt3

5 November 1982

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 5 November, with which you enclosed a copy of your CBI Conference speech.

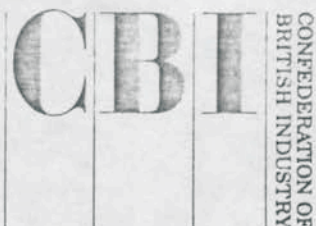
I will place this before the Prime Minister at the earliest opportunity, and I am sure she will be interested to read it.

MICHAEL SCHOLAR

Sir Terence Beckett, C.B.E.

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From
Sir Terence Beckett CBE
Director-General



Prime Minister (2)

I have acknowledged
on your behalf.

5th November, 1982

Dear Prime Minister,

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see EPM.

I am enclosing a copy of the speech I made at the close of the C.B.I. Conference this year. I hope you will find it of interest.

Yours sincerely,

Terence Beckett

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP,
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