



PRIME MINISTER

I am proposing, unless you wish otherwise or any obstacle is identified by the Cabinet Office, to stay as Chairman of the Centre for Policy Studies.

You will remember that you and I founded the Centre in 1974 to promote the case for the social market economy as the best way forward for the freedom and prosperity of the British people.

You will also of course know that the Centre has flown throughout our 5 years of existence a Conservative flag though it has been quite outside the Conservative Party organisation.

The Centre has been, and is, financed by donations from business and individuals with most businesses who have contributed declaring their donation in their annual report.

The staff at the Centre is now one full time man and one half time man plus the equivalent of 3 full time women. The main expense, apart from salaries, is publications which on balance involve a loss.

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The proposed function of the Centre is still to be a base for the development of arguments for the market economy. The Centre will also continue seminars for students - to back up the mission to universities which I have been conducting and which I hope will be taken on by others; publications; working groups on specific subjects; the submission of occasional papers to you or to me; the publication of articles; and other initiatives to present the case for the market economy.

I have of course been unpaid throughout and my position remains entirely honorary. I have given up my room at the Centre.

I shall not concern myself with fund raising except to express the hope to existing contributors that the Centre should be enabled to continue. The fund raising will be done by the two Honorary Treasurers, Nigel Vinson and David Young.

This note is only to acquaint you with my intention in case you wish otherwise.

K J

10 May 1979

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Ministers

MR RYDER

If you have any comment, could I please have it by

5 p.m. today.

Mr Pattison

The Prime Minister is President of the Centre for Policy Studies. She may wish to consider resigning for his post as a precautionary measure in case at any time in the next five years the Centre published a paper that was in line with Government policy. The resignation might cause disappointment at the Centre but over a longer period it would give her more freedom to undertake other activities and would avoid any risk of changing the climate of philosophical thinking in this country. It is a fine balance.



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

11 May 1979

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I enclose a copy of a minute addressed to the Prime Minister by the Secretary of State for Industry. The Secretary of State proposes to continue in the post of Chairman of the Centre for Policy Studies, and seeks the Prime Minister's confirmation that this is acceptable.

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Chairman.

Do you wish to offer any advice on this matter?

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M. A. PATTISON

Martin Vile, Esq.,
Cabinet Office.

PRIME MINISTER

David Wolfson and I have
already spoken about this. Neither
K.J. nor I can stay out!

The attached minute from Sir Keith Joseph seeks your agreement to his proposal to continue as Chairman of the Centre for Policy Studies.

Richard Ryder:

"The Prime Minister is President of the Centre. She may wish to consider resigning from this office in case at any time in the next five years the Centre published a paper that was not in line with Government policy. In the short term the resignation might cause disappointment at the Centre, but over a longer period it would give them more freedom to continue their excellent work aimed at changing the climate of philosophical thinking in this country. It is a fine balance. As far as Sir Keith is concerned I am convinced it would be best for him to remain as Chairman."

David Wolfson is a little more uneasy. He also feels that the Centre might well find itself producing policy statements at variance with particular aspects of Government policy at some time in the future. He is convinced that this would make your position untenable if you remained President, but feels that it might equally make Sir Keith's position extremely difficult. He ^{also} ~~therefore~~ feels that there is a risk of some conflict of interest if Sir Keith is in any way linked with fund raising activities for the Centre, when the work of the Centre comes down in favour of certain options which Sir Keith later adopts as Government policy.

Cabinet Office could offer further advice, but the above comments show the awkward judgement which arises.

Are you content that Sir Keith should remain?

What do you propose to do about your own position as President?

11 May 1979

14 May 1979

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 10 May, in which he asked whether he should continue in the post of Chairman of the Centre for Policy Studies.

I understand that the Prime Minister discussed this with him in the course of the weekend. The Prime Minister has concluded that neither she (as President) nor Sir Keith should retain their posts with the Centre.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

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15 May 1979

PRIME MINISTER

*Content that you and Sir
 Keith should be named as
 "founders" on the Centre's notepad?
 This removes any conflict of
 interest issue. MJP 17/5.*

Dear Mike,

Thank you for your letter of 14 May in which you recorded the Prime Minister's conclusion that neither she nor my Secretary of State should retain their posts with the Centre for Policy Studies. My Secretary of State accepts entirely that he should not continue as Chairman, but is hoping that it may be possible to find a way of associating his name with the Centre in order to contribute to the prestige of the organisation. He feels that it might be unwise for him to remain a patron of the Centre, but that a possible solution would be for the notepaper to refer to the Prime Minister and himself as founders of the Centre. This would be a matter of historical fact and would not imply a continuing association.

*The
 Joseph
 Centre*

Agreed and

I should be grateful if you could let me know whether the Prime Minister would see any difficulty over this proposal. I am copying this letter to Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

*Your sincere,
 Andrew*

ANDREW DUGUID
 Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

18 May 1979

Thank you for your letter of 15 May, proposing that the names of the Prime Minister and your Secretary of State should be included on the notepaper of the Centre for Policy Studies as "founders". The Prime Minister is content with this arrangement. I assume that they will be named as individuals rather than by their current positions.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

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