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From the Principal Private Secretary

8 November 1984

SIR ANTHONY JOLLIFFE

The Prime Minister was grateful for the briefing in your and Ruth Thompson's letters of 7 November for her meeting with Sir Anthony Jolliffe today.

Sir Anthony Jolliffe said that his City of London Business in the Community initiative was going well. He already had 66 corporate members, 30 below the national total; and he hoped to have 250 by this time next year. He was setting up workshops in Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Islington, despite initial lack of cooperation by the local authorities. In Hackney, Samuel Montagu had agreed to give £<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> million for a mixed development of private housing and workshops; and Abbey National were providing mortgages for the housing.

He was also tackling education problems in schools: he had spoken to the Headmasters Conference and urged them to bring an industrialist into every school in the country. He himself was planning to teach two lessons a week at Harrow School and at a comprehensive school in Willesden.

Sir Anthony Jolliffe added that he would be becoming President of the London Chamber of Commerce next June and hoped to cause that Chamber to be much more active.

The Prime Minister congratulated Sir Anthony on what he was doing: people like him were needed who were prepared to work on bringing employment to young people and not just talk about it.

I am copying this letter to Ruth Thompson (Department of Trade and Industry) and Elizabeth Hodgkinson (Department of Education and Science).

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When Sir Anthony Jolliffe, the former Lord Mayor of London, called on the Prime Minister today to report on his work for Business in the Community, he said that he had been discussing with Lord Sieff and Edwin McAlpine ways of bringing the present middle generation of industrialists - in the 40-50 bracket - into closer touch with the Conservative Party. Sir Anthony said that he held two luncheons a month to which he invited businessmen of his generation; and he had it in mind to invite some junior Ministers to meet them and put across the Government's case.

The Prime Minister said that she welcomed this and if Sir Anthony Jolliffe were to let her know when he was arranging the first of these luncheons, she would encourage some of her junior Ministers to attend. She mentioned David Trippier in particular.

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