

PRIME MINISTER

Pensioners' Lobby : Thursday, 1st March, 1984

I do not know how many people you will meet at the lobby. But do not be surprised if you meet Mervyn Kohler. He will not be wearing a Central Office hat. He left Central Office today to take up a new appointment with "Help the Aged" where he starts tomorrow (Thursday) as Research and Public Affairs Director.

(He is due to be replaced at Conservative Central Office but nobody has yet been appointed.)

Steven

STEPHEN SHERBOURNE

29th February, 1984

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DEPARTMENT
Social Insurance &
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February 24, 1984

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Dear Mr Barclay,

National Pensioners' Convention

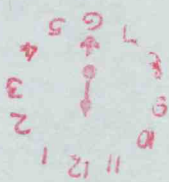
I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the meeting between a deputation from the Convention and the Prime Minister, to take place at 4.15 pm in her room at the House of Commons. The delegates will be: N Willis, P Jacques, J Jones, F Baker, G Massey, M Crook and E Clayton.

Please get in touch if there are any difficulties.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Jacques

Peter Jacques
Secretary
Social Insurance and
Industrial Welfare Department



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NATIONAL PENSIONERS/TUC DELEGATION

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| Norman Willis | Secretary to the National Pensioners Convention and Deputy General Secretary of the TUC |
| Peter Jacques | Head of Social Insurance and Industrial Welfare Department of the TUC, member of the Social Security Advisory Committee and Secretary of the TUC National Pensioners Steering Committee |
| Jack Jones | President of the British Pensioners and Trade Union Action Association and Vice-President of Age Concern |
| Fred Baker | General Secretary of the British Pensioners and Trade Union Action Association |
| George Massey | General Secretary of the National Federation of Post Office and British Telecom Pensioners |
| Mrs. Miriam Crook | National Publicity Officer of the National Pensioners Convention |
| E. Clayton | |

Apart from E. Clayton, all the delegation appeared last year at the meeting with the Prime Minister.

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From the Secretary of State for Social Services

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24 February 1984

Dear Andrew

MEETING WITH PENSIONERS' LOBBY ON 1 MARCH

I enclose a folder containing briefing for the Prime Minister for the pensioners' lobby.

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We understand that there are two major issues which the delegation are likely to raise:

- the level of pension proposed by the TUC in their recent proposals to the Chancellor;
- Housing Benefit - both the recent changes and the operational effects.

Briefing on both these issues is in Section F.

A summary of the briefing on the declaration is at Section D. Also enclosed is our briefing on the Government record

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22 February 1984

Dear David,

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 18 February to Colin Phillips about the Prime Minister's meeting at 4.15 pm on Thursday 1 March with representatives of the National Pensioners Convention.

The Secretary of State has noted that a Scottish organisation - the Scottish Old Age Pensions Association - will be represented in the delegation and that several of the issues raised may have a Scottish dimension. He would therefore like Mr John MacKay to attend the meeting and also to be present at the briefing session at 3.45 pm on the same day.

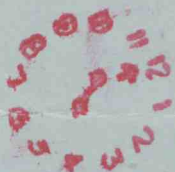
I am copying this letter to Thea Teale, Mr MacKay's Private Secretary.

Yours sincerely,
John S. Graham

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Private Secretary

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Note for the file

Spoke to Mr Jacques.

He will provide a list
of names (about 8).

They will assemble in the
Central Lobby and we will
send for them when ready.

DMS
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17 February 1984

I wrote to you on 13 February to say that the Prime Minister had agreed to meet the National Pensioners Convention on Thursday 1 March.

I omitted to ask for a brief. I should be grateful if you could arrange for one to be prepared, to reach this office by Friday 24 February.

I have just heard from the TUC that they are content with the time and place proposed.

David Barclay

Colin Phillips, Esq.,
Department of Health and Social Security.

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February 15, 1984

Dear Mr Barclay,

National Pensioners Convention

Thank you for your letter of February 13, addressed to Mr Murray, about the deputation to meet Mrs Thatcher at the House of Commons on March 1. 4.15pm is convenient to us, and look forward to hearing from you further on the detailed arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Jacques

Peter Jacques
Secretary
Social Insurance and
Industrial Welfare Department

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From the Private Secretary

13 February 1984

Dear Colin

Thank you for your letter of 8 February. The Prime Minister has agreed to meet organisations representatives of the National Pensioners Convention on Thursday, 1 March. I enclose a copy of my reply to Mr. Murray.

We have offered a meeting at 4.15 p.m. at the House. I understand that this is convenient also for your Secretary of State - the Prime Minister would be grateful if he could arrive at approximately 3.45 that afternoon for a briefing meeting.

I am sending copies of this letter for information to John Graham (Scottish Office) and John Lyon (Northern Ireland Office). Perhaps they would let me know if their Secretaries of State would like to attend the meeting or be represented.

Yours ever,
David

Colin Phillips, Esq.,
Department of Health and Social Security.



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From the Private Secretary

13 February 1984

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 3 January. I am sorry not to have replied earlier.

The Prime Minister has asked me to say that she agrees to your request for a meeting with organisations' representatives of the National Pensioners Convention. Mrs. Thatcher would like to suggest a meeting in her room at the House of Commons at 4.15 p.m. on Thursday, 1 March, after she has answered Questions in the House. If you would kindly let me know whether this would be convenient, we can proceed with the detailed arrangements.

MR. D. BARCLAY

The Rt. Hon. Lionel Murray, O.B.E.