

10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

Institute of Economic Affairs.

1. In a letter to me dated 7th November, Ralph Harris writes:-

''MOST IMPORTANT. We would like to get the Prime Minister to be Guest of Honour at some lunch or I.E.A. function next spring. I am not certain whether we go for a large dinner - like NOW did - or for a select gathering of 20 or 30 major supporters (or prospects) from UK, USA and Europe. Would there be any chance of fixing a date for next April/May - before the end of this year."

- 2. I think that you would prefer the small gathering rather than a large dinner. You know what marvellous people Ralph Harris, John Wood and Arthur Seldon are, and how they continue to make the case for economic freedom.
- 3. May I please say to Ralph that you would like to go to a small dinner, and fix a date with Caroline?

Les pleure

12th November, 1980

Ian Gow

PRIME MINISTER

Your lunch with Lord Harris at the Institute of Economic Affairs on Monday, 16 February. The guest list at the moment is as follows:-

Prime Minister
Lord Harris of Highcross
Lord McFadzean
Mr Bill Shapland
Sir James Hanson
Mr Nigel Vinson
Sir Charles Forte
Professor Harold Rose

Lord Harris assumes that you will wish to be accompanied by Ian Gow but that still leaves one space. Would you like Alan Walters invited or one of the younger economists like Dr Alan Budd or Professor Patrick Minford?

26 January, 1981

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