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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Sir John,

Thank you for your kind letter of 18 November, about the CBI Conference.

Some of the comments made there were rather unexpected and, in my view, unwise. However I agree with you that Government and CBI must work together for the longer term success of industry.

I had a fairly lengthy and rather good talk a few days ago with both Terry Beckett and Ray Pennock; we are not really far apart in my view.

Incidentally Ray Pennock's speech was very practical and very good. He is a marvellous President.

*It was good of you to write.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Benjamin Barber*

Sir John Clark.

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