



From THE RT. HON. SIR KEITH JOSEPH, Bt., M.P.

29th September 1976.

Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP,
House of Commons,
London SW1A 0AA.

Ian Nugent.

While you were away I was approached by Aubrey Jones who asked me to let you know that he would be deeply interested to be considered for the impending vacancy for a Commissioner at Brussels. He believes that you have virtually the nomination in the case of one vacancy and hopes that you will bear him in mind.

I told him that I would pass his aspiration on to you but that I was sure you had already other names in mind. I had not then realised that John Davies has been spoken of as your choice - though Aubrey certainly mentioned him as a runner.

If you are still considering names perhaps Aubrey's name could be listed among the candidates from whom you will choose. I did not encourage him. I am making no comments but simply passing on his message.

Yours,

Keith

Li K. Joseph MP

1 October 1976

Thank you for your kind letter of 29 September about the impending vacancy for a Commissioner at Brussels.

Discussions about a Conservative representative are, I hope, nearing completion, but please let Aubrey Jones know that you have mentioned this matter to me.

The Rt Hon Sir Keith Joseph Bt MP