



Box

10 DOWNING STREET

18th October 1982

My dear Frank,

Thank you so much for your letter of 13th October, with which you enclosed an original letter dated 11th October, which you had received from Solly Pearce.

I am enclosing a photocopy of his letter and have taken the liberty of retaining the original which I will show to the Prime Minister.

It is a very remarkable letter; as you will have gathered, I have been corresponding with him for some time, and will tell you about that when next we meet. He must be a very special kind of person; he is obviously an old friend of yours; Keith Joseph has told me of his regard for him, and so has Donald Kaberry.

It is clear from the third paragraph on page 3 of his letter that he is very likely to vote Conservative next time; for the most likely consequence of a large SDP vote is a Labour Government.

It was so kind of you and Mary to have come to our Constituency Party at The Old Ship Hotel in Brighton and we were delighted to see you there.

The Prime Minister enjoyed, greatly, her visit to Central Office on 13th October.

IAN GOW

The Lord Marshall of Leeds