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Note of meeting of CPS Management Board - 22nd February 1977

Present : KJ, NV, AS, SW, MW, GF and, for part of meeting, PK.
MB and AR were absent.

- 1) MW's note of meeting held on 25th January 1977 was approved.
- 2) MW reported on the work of his unit. MW was editing Quinn paper for publication and, together with PK, refining the POP papers. He and GF were assisting Nicholas Ridley in the production of confidential Party policy papers and had undertaken to put together a speech on industrial policy for John Biffen under his guidance. MW, GF and RM had also provided advice and material to John Moore for a series of speeches he was shortly to deliver in the U.S. GF was preparing material for KJ's radio debate with Benn, and he was also making arrangements for the weekend student seminars. RM was engaged on a paper - hopefully to be published by CPS - explaining the problems of monetary control and comparing U.K. and U.S. practice.
- 3) KJ reported that the B. U. I. letter had been well received by them, and that a letter would shortly be sent to donors along the same lines.
- 4) MW reported that he and MB had had a useful meeting with the Economic League to open up diplomatic relations. Their senior people would be coming to CPS to dine with KJ in early summer.
- 5) MW and GF reported on their disappointment at the manner in which Central Office had handled the construction of the Party Political Broadcast to which the Centre had been invited to contribute ideas.
- 6) AS took the meeting through the publications programme. He mentioned that the McFadzean study on Galbraith would be published at the end of March and there was good reason to hope it would make a significant impact.

- 7) MW reported on the Policy Option Papers (POP). The three housing papers had all been edited, but publication had been postponed - at Horace Cutler's request - until after the GLC elections on 5th May. The two roads-versus-railways papers were in hand and in the process of being edited. Two of the four nationalised industry papers were in hand, as was one of the four education papers. MW was chasing authors.
- 8) SW reported that there were no unanticipated problems on the FEE front.
- 9) GF reported back on his proposal to investigate the merits of establishing a CPS quarterly journal. He expressed the view that, on reflection, he thought it would be preferable to place responsibility for such a journal in the hands of a body independent of the Centre. If GF found such a willing body, he asked to be allowed to return to seek the Centre's support.
- 10) The next meeting of the Management Board will be held at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 26th April 1977.

cc KJ
NV
AS
SW
AR
MW
GF
MB
PK