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*Labour  
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MEMORANDUM

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To Peter Cropper & see below\*

From Peter Shipley

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LABOUR AND COMMUNIST MANIFESTOS

The following are quotations from the Labour and Communist Manifestos which provide textual evidence in support of our advertisement that their policies are identical.

Taking the advertisement point by point:

1. EEC

Labour

'The next Labour Government, committed to radical, socialist policies for reviving the British economy, is bound to find continued membership a most serious obstacle to the fulfilment of those policies... British withdrawal from the Community is the right policy for Britain'.

Communist

'...immediate withdrawal from the Common Market...Continuing membership can only act as a barrier to the kind of policies we need to tackle the crisis in Britain'.

2. Nationalisation

'We shall establish a significant public stake in electronics, pharmaceuticals, health equipment and building materials...bring Britoil back into public ownership...take ports into public ownership...'

'Nationalisation is needed in energy, transport, key sections of investment goods, high technology and major financial institutions.. the drugs industry nationalised... as should the large building and building materials firms'.

3. Nuclear defence

'...Cancel the Trident programme, refuse to deploy Cruise missiles and begin discussions for the removal of nuclear bases from Britain...'

'Communists campaign against Cruise missiles, for the scrapping of our British nuclear weapons and the cancellation of Trident; for a nuclear free zone in Europe; for the removal of all US nuclear and military bases from Britain'.

4. Council Houses

Labour

'End enforced council house sales'.

5/6 **Secret Ballots**

'We will repeal the divisive Tory "employment" laws'.

7. **Education**

'Fully Comprehensive Education...Private schools are a major obstacle to a free and fair educating system...and integrate private schools with the local authority sector where necessary'.

8. **Closed Shops**

As five and six.

9. **Immigration**

'...We will repeal the 1971 Immigration Act and 1981 British Nationality Act...'

10. **Exchange Controls**

'Introduce back-up import controls...if these prove necessary, to achieve our objective of trade balance'.

11. **Terrorism**

'We will repeal the Prevention of Terrorism Act'.

Communist

'Council house sales should be stopped'.

'We are for the repeal of the trade union legislation introduced by the Tories'.

'...A fully Comprehensive education system...'

'...The immediate repeal of the Immigration and Nationality Acts'.

'Import controls are vital...as part of a policy of expansion'.

'...the repressive legislation such as the Emergency Provision Act and the Diplock Courts must be ended, along with the Prevention of Terrorism Act'.

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