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To: Bryan Cartledge
~~Tim Langcaster~~

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have received from Adam Ridley.

When the Prime Minister was last in Washington in September 1977, she visited Brookings at the specific request of Peter Jay. I hope on the Prime Minister's next visit to Washington, a visit to the AEI may be considered for the same reasons. As you know, the AEI has now nearly superceded Brookings and I believe that the Prime Minister might find it a stimulating place to spend an hour or two.

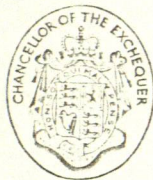
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Bill Simon mentioned this
to the PM when he met
her last month. The PM
expressed interest in visiting
AEI. It sounds a
good idea.

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Dear Richard,

PROFESSOR HERBERT STEIN

I talked today for an hour before lunch with Professor Stein, who was Head of the American Council of Economic Advisers under President Nixon, and has since played a distinguished part in the operations of the American Enterprise Institute. We went on for lunch with Nigel Lawson, and discussed a number of things, during the course of which he rose the possibility of seeing the Prime Minister. I indicated to him that I thought this might not be easy, given the great pressure of work after the Tokyo Summit, but undertook to let you know that he might try and get in touch to explore the possibility. I suggested to him that it might be best in the first instance if he were to ask for the good offices of the American Embassy to be used on his behalf. But, naturally, if you think it would be helpful to establish more direct contact with him, I could easily arrange for that to be done.

I suspect that one of the things he might wish to raise if a meeting were to take place would be the possibility of the Prime Minister's addressing the American Enterprise Institute, either if she were visiting the United States for other reasons, or possibly as a guest of the Institute. Professor Stein appreciates the delicacy in political terms of any visit at or around the time of the Presidential Campaign. But I am sure that he would hope, in due course, that the success of our economic policies here might have significance for the advocacy of comparable policies in the United States, not least by the Republicans! Let me know if you would like me to do anything else.

Yours

Adam

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