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FROM Sir Frank Taylor, D.Sc. (Hon.) F.I.O.B.
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17th October, 1980.

Professor Hugh Thomas,
Chairman,
Centre for Policy Studies,
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Dear Hugh,

Please accept my sincere thanks for your very kind and gracious letter of 16th October.

In our little Company, Taylor Woodrow, we fully believe in monthly Board Meetings; we think them essential and, indeed, desirable.

The Centre for Policy Studies should, in my humble opinion, have regular monthly Board Meetings and our mutual friend, Sir Nicholas Cayzer, is of the same opinion. This he outlined very clearly when we were last together.

With the recession in Britain and overseas, Taylor Woodrow is demanding more and more of my time, thinking, forward planning and visiting offices, contracts and developments in the five continents of the world. Therefore, I am afraid, it is impossible for me to reconsider my decision.

You will agree, I am sure, that I am thinking not only of Taylor Woodrow but also the Centre for Policy Studies which is so vital and essential because, alas and alack, Government certainly need some clear thinking by the Centre for Policy Studies and some wise advice. So far their monetary policy has affected very badly the people that should be supported. Businesses are going broke, unemployment is growing, the monetary situation is out of hand and Government spending is astronomical. The Rt. Hon. William Whitelaw is not really tackling law and order and Mr. James Prior is an appeaser and is damaging the Party's image and future changes, because by now he should have had a Bill through Parliament that outlawed the Closed Shop; made voting by secret postal ballot legal and legally limited picketing to not more than six non-violent pickets at the place of dispute and no secondary picketing. There should be more apprentice schemes in the Police and elsewhere for young School leavers who have no work.

Forgive me, but these are just a few of the points where the Government is going sadly wrong and unless it is put right quickly I shudder to think what is going to happen to our country.

P. T. O.

May I wish you and your team in the Centre for Policy Studies time to consider the aforementioned then to hammer home these policies to the Prime Minister, Sir Keith and other members of the Government.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

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16 October 1980

Dear Frank

Thank you for your letter which I was very sorry to have. I fully appreciate your reason for not being able to remain but I think it may be that there has just been a slight misunderstanding, since we have never really suggested monthly Board meetings. There was never any plan to depart from the general scheme of our operations noted in paragraph 3) a) of our Minutes of the Board of November 20th last year - a photocopy of which I enclose. This means no more than that. We would hope to continue to have quarterly Board Meetings, with quarterly Finance Meetings fitted in appropriately - at which, of course, you would have been very welcome but which we would have understood had circumstances made it impossible for you to have come.

I just wonder, therefore, whether you might feel able to reconsider your decision.

Since you very kindly sent me a copy of your letter to Keith, I am sending a copy of this one to him too.

Yours ever,
Hugh

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