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Minutes of special meeting held on Tuesday, September 26th,
to discuss the future of CPS.

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Present: KJ, NV, DY, AS, SW, GF.

ACTION

1) Finance: NV said that our current annual expenditure was approximately £105,000 (120,000 including the Shipley operation). Following the departure of 2 members of staff, a secretary and PVE the expenditure of a "slimmed down" Centre would be £90,000 P.a. We had a guaranteed income for next year of around £45,000 and a further £20,000 could be confidently expected. This meant that a further 20 to £25,000 was needed if there were not to be cash flow problems next year.

KJ/DY/NV

2) In order to effect savings GF was asked to consider the viability of reducing expenditure in the following areas; Telephones, copying machines, entertainment.

GF

3) Philosophy; AS said that the Centre's proper concern was with the intellectual rights of a free, patriotic, ordered society. He did not like the phrase social market economy which the Centre had used initially as shorthand for its philosophy and aims. It was agreed that those with suggestions for a new phrase or label to describe our purpose should submit them to AS who would mould them into a description acceptable to the meeting.

AS

4) Strategy; It was generally agreed that we should continue to regard the opinion formers as a crucial target area. However, it was decided that KJ should try to do more articles and letters for the Guardian and Observer, and that considerably more attention should be devoted to influencing the producers and commentators on radio and television. It was agreed that we should have an up to date list of media representatives

GF

who could be invited systematically to lunches on specific subjects.

5) The meeting discussed the possibility of inviting any potentially sympathetic MPs to the Centre, to encourage them to further the Centre's general aims through speeches, letters to the press, articles etc. A list of possible candidates should be drawn up with this end in mind.

GF

6) Post election arrangements; It was thought that the Centre should continue in the event of a Tory or Labour victory. In the event of the latter, the Centre would continue much as now; in the event of the former it was thought desirable KJ should distance himself from the Centre and that the Management Board should be enlarged to include robust and sympathetic representatives from business and the Universities. It was felt that Ralph Harris and/or Michael Ivens should advise about candidates from industry.

KJ

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED TO THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH 11 AM.

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Minutes of special meeting to discuss the future of CPS on Thursday,
28th September 1978 (continued from the meeting held on Tuesday,
26th September)

Present : KJ, NV, DY, AS, SW, GF.

The following is a brief note of decisions reached :

1) Publications: AS to produce a paper on future publications programme for discussion at next board meeting.

2) Seminars: GF to continue with seminar programme for 6 months. Main target would continue to be students but others would be welcome.

It was agreed that Manchester University should be given permission to start a Manchester CPS - or body with some such title.

3) Speeches: KJ agreed to devote his next major speech to subject of the market and poverty.

4) New projects: It was agreed that the Centre should act as catalyst in encouraging the preparation of publication of black papers in a number of policy areas, e.g., the trade unions, housing, and social services. GF to organise dinner for Professors Cox and Sykes, and Ralph Harris, to discuss.

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