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PRIME MINISTER

GEORGE YOUNGER

1. Herewith letter of today's date from George Younger.
2. I have had a word with Richard about this. Neither of us think that you ought to do this. Do you agree, please?
3. If so, I will send a tactful letter to George.
4. MAY I SUGGEST LEON BAISTAN OR NIGEL LAWSON?

21st January, 1981

Ian Gow

I don't think I should  
do it - we go to the  
city for the Bank and  
sometimes to the major  
institutions. I agree with  
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*Dear Ian,*

I wonder if I could have a word with you some time about an interesting proposal that has been raised with me for setting up an opportunity for the Prime Minister to meet and address a large gathering in the City. You may possibly have heard that my friend, Graeme Wedgwood a partner in McAnally Montgomery & Co, Finsbury Circus, made this suggestion some years ago, which resulted in a highly successful meeting held in Fishmongers Hall, at which the Prime Minister addressed several hundred middle ranking investment managers etc from a cross section of City firms. It was felt, certainly in the City, after that meeting that it played a crucial part in convincing middle ground in the City that the then Leader of the Opposition had ideas on economic management which were likely to be just what the country needed if pursued with determination.

Graeme Wedgwood approached me recently to say that he and his partners feel that another meeting of this type would be extremely valuable again, and he wonders whether there would be any possibility of the Prime Minister feeling that this would be beneficial from her and the Government's point of view as well. I know how extremely difficult it is to fit in evenings of this kind and no limits need be set upon the time-scale if it comes to finding a suitable evening that is free.

I would be grateful if we could have a private word to go into this a bit further, and we can perhaps do so in the House in the next week or two. I would be most grateful for any help you can give.

*Yours truly,*

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21st January, 1981

Thank you very much for your letter of 21st  
January.

I will have a preliminary word with the Prime  
Minister about your suggestion, and will then have a word  
with you.

Thank you so much for having taken the trouble  
to write about this.

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