## Prime Minister

## YOUR MEETING WITH CECIL PARKINSON - 7.00 P.M. ON THURSDAY 26TH NOVE ER

- Cecil is to address the 1922 Committee at 6.00 p.m. He and I will come over from the House, immediately the meeting ends.
- 2. Cecil wants to discuss the following matters:-
  - (a) The terms of Alan Howarth's departure (you will remember that Alan has consulted Lord Goodman).
  - (b) Christmas bonus of £300 flat rate for Central Office staff (total cost £98,000 !)
  - (c) Research Department Chairman (Lord Beloff) and Director (Peter Cropper).
  - (d) Replacements for Harry Boyne, Chris Lawson and David Boddy.
- 3. We expect the Crosby result at about 12.30 a.m. I had in mind to come over just before the result and we can look at the ghastly Shirley Williams together. We have sent your usual telegram to poor John Butcher, whom I will invite to see you, though not next week.

26th November 1981

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P.S. Since dictating this note, I have had a word with Geoffrey Howe. He gives his reluctant consent to the prospective departure from the Treasury of Peter Cropper. Geoffrey says that he will need a replacement.

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