

PRIME MINISTER

SAINSBURY GROUP MEETING: 30 APRIL

You have a half hour briefing meeting at 0900 hours with the Secretary of State for the Environment, the Secretary of State for Employment, Lord Elton (Environment) and Michael Howard (DTI).

The Secretary of State for the Environment has provided a note summarising the current position on the key items discussed at the previous meeting on 10 December (Flag B. There is a more detailed annex at Flag C, which you do not need to read). Lord Young's note at Flag D notes the possibility of including a reference to the abolition of structure plans in his proposed May White Paper on deregulation. The note you have already seen from Hartley Booth is at Flag A.

The key points for discussion at the meeting, and at the briefing, are:

- (i) the time taken to reach decisions on appeal (the DOE's figures, you will remember, seem to have been carefully chosen to show how the situation is improving but figures supplied to Hartley, through Sir John Sainsbury, suggest (Flag E) that the position on many types of appeal have got worse since 1979).
- (ii) Structure plans. The Secretary of State is proposing their abolition, but wants the Sainsbury Group wound up, in its current form, apparently as a quid pro quo.

On handling of the meeting with the Sainsbury Group itself, which starts at 0930 hours, I agree with Hartley that you should ask the Environment Secretary to report on developments since the last meeting, and then seek Sir John's comments.

Mr. Howard needs to leave the meeting early, shortly after 1000 hours.

B. Stevens

ff MARK ADDISON

29 April 1986

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10 DOWNING STREET

17 March 1986

From the Private Secretary

THE SAINSBURY GROUP

The Prime Minister's next meeting with the Sainsbury Group has now been fixed for 0930 on Wednesday 30 April. There is to be a Ministerial pre-meeting at 0900. We have allocated an hour and a half in our diary for the meeting proper.

I expect that the meeting will follow the same pattern as its predecessors. Your Secretary of State runs through the progress which has been made, with particular reference to those areas identified for further work at the last meeting (see my letter to you of 11 December). Sir John Sainsbury then gives his own assessment of what has been achieved and suggests where further efforts need to be made in the future.

I should be grateful for briefing, by Thursday 24 April. Ministers down to attend the meeting, in addition to the Prime Minister and your Secretary of State include, as before, the Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Trippier at the Department of Employment and Mr Howard from the Department of Trade and Industry.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of those attending the meeting: John Lambert (Department of Employment), Mr Winn (Mr Trippier's office), Paul Madden (Mr Howard's office) and to Michael Stark.

MARK ADDISON

Robin Young Esq.,
Department of the Environment

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cc Mr Booth

MR ADDISON

cc Mr Taylor

SAINSBURY GROUP MEETING

I have set this up for Wednesday 30 April. 0900 for the Meeting of Ministers, to which the Secretary of State for the Environment, Secretary of State for Employment, PUSS Department of Trade and Industry (Michael Howard MP) and the PUSS at Department for Employment (David Trippier MP) will attend. William Waldegrave has to attend a conference with the Duke of Edinburgh that day so is unable to attend.

The Sainsbury Group have requested a separate room that they could meet in at 0900. The main meeting could be in the upstairs dining room or the Cabinet Office.

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CAROLINE RYDER

14 March 1986

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MRS. RYDER

SAINSBURY GROUP MEETING

The DOE have told me that Thursday[?] 29 April at 1015 would be convenient from the Group's point of view for their next meeting with the Prime Minister. Ministers would need to meet at 0945 for a pre-meeting.

Would you please confirm that the following will be able to come:

- * Secretary of State for the Environment ✓
- * Secretary of State for Employment ✓
- * Minister for Local Government (The Hon. William Waldegrave MP)
OR PUSS at the Dept of Trade and Industry (Michael Howard QC MP) ✓
- * PUSS at the Department of Employment (David Trippier MP) ✓

Thanks.

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Mark Addison

10 March 1986

Sainsbury Group file pt.

MR ADDISON

21 February 1986

SAINSBURY

I have spoken to John Delafons (DoE). We suggest early May would be a suitable date for the next Sainsbury meeting.

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HARTLEY BOOTH

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MR. BOOTH

SAINSBURY GROUP MEETINGS

You will recall that the Prime Minister said she would like to hold the next meeting of the Sainsbury Group in the spring.

I think it would be helpful if you could take soundings through your contacts in DOE, and let me have advice on when we should aim to arrange that meeting.

Mark Addison

30 January 1986



10 DOWNING STREET

Caroline,

David Trippier's office rang. He regrets he will not be able to attend the planned Sainsbury Group meeting on 30/4

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