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From
Sir Terence Beckett CBE
Director-General



25th May 1984

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Dear Robin,

Just to let you know that we have followed up the suggestion of inviting Pete Murray to act as question master and compere at Eastbourne when the Prime Minister is with us and he is delighted to accept the commission.

My Director of Information, Keith McDowall, is in touch with him to tie up the arrangements but I would be grateful if you would let the Prime Minister know.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Terence'.

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From
Sir Terence Beckett CBE
Director-General

CBI

21st May 1984

Dear Robin,

Thank you for your letter of today's date about a question-master for the question and answer session at the CBI National Conference in Eastbourne on Sunday, 4th November.

We will certainly ask Pete Murray if he would be available and will let you know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Terry.

Robin Butler Esq.,
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From the Principal Private Secretary

21 May 1984

You mentioned to me on the telephone some possible names for question-masters for the question and answer session which the Prime Minister is hoping to take at the first evening of the CBI Conference in Eastbourne on Sunday 4 November. I have now discussed these names with the Prime Minister. She likes the suggestion that Pete Murray might be asked to act as question-master for this session. If you would be content with this, you may like to enquire whether Mr. Murray would be available.

E. E. R. BUTLER

Sir Terence Beckett, C.B.E.

PRIME MINISTER

CBI Conference in Eastbourne : Sunday 4 November

You will remember that you agreed to take part in a question and answer session on the first evening of the CBI Conference as an alternative to attending next year's dinner.

You had some discussion with Sir Terence Beckett about a question-master for the session, and he went away to consider further possible names.

After discussion with Sir James Cleminson, he has come back with the names of Pete Murray, George Scott, David Jacobs, Brian Widlake or Alastair Burnett. The alternative idea was that James Cleminson himself should chair the session.

I do not see why a professional question-master is necessary. It would introduce an element of showbiz into the occasion and a professional question-master will want to intrude his personality into the occasion.

It seems better that Sir James Cleminson should take the chair and leave you to conduct the question and answer session yourself. Agree?

I think Pete

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Murray would be a very

good idea

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18 May 1984

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From
Sir Terence Beckett CBE
Director-General

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CBI

12th April 1984

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Jean Prime Minister,

It was very good to see you yesterday and thank you very much for giving me your time.

We are of course absolutely delighted that you have agreed to speak on the eve of our National Conference in Eastbourne on Sunday, 4th November, 1984. We will be in touch again with your office to discuss further details of this.

*Yours sincerely,
Terence Beckett.*

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP,
Prime Minister,
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