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CONTEXT

Biographical history

Patrick John Cosgrave was born in Dublin on 28 September 1941, an only child, whose father died from cancer when he was ten years old. His mother worked as a cleaner to support him, but his childhood was an impoverished one. He attended St Vincent's Christian Brothers' School in Glasnevin, where the Roman Catholic piety of his teachers, echoed by his mother, led him to rebel against their orthodox thinking. Aged fourteen, he was forced to spend a year in bed convalescing after a bout of rheumatic fever. He spent this time immersing himself in British history, reading such authors as Lord Salisbury, Winston Churchill, T.E. Lawrence and Rudyard Kipling. This, combined with his distaste for Catholicism and Irish nationalism, led to his adopting a staunchly pro-British attitude.

At University College Dublin he was greatly influenced by Desmond Williams, professor of modern history. He was an active member of the Literary and Historical Society, winning (with Anthony Clare) the *Observer* Mace debating competition over every other university debating team in Great Britain and Ireland. He was also elected auditor of the society.

His was an illustrious academic career. He attained a First in his BA in History and Modern Irish History, and a Masters by dissertation (*Peter Walsh and the Irish Remonstrance Movement, 1660-66*) in 1967. Cosgrave went on to earn a doctorate in history from Peterhouse, Cambridge in 1970, his thesis entitled *Sir Edward Grey and British Foreign Policy in the Balkans, 1914-16*. His supervisor at Peterhouse was Herbert Butterfield, who proved to be another major influence on him. In 1969 his book *The Public Poetry of Robert Lowell* was published.

Having previously freelanced for RTE, Cosgrave became their first London editor in 1968. His strong support for the British Conservative Party led, in 1969, to his joining the Conservative Research Department, where he specialised in Home Office affairs. It was here that he developed a keen interest in Israeli affairs and became a committed Zionist. This later manifested itself in his writing, and in his involvement with the Jewish education and vocational training charity Organisation through Rehabilitation and Training (ORT). In 1977 he co-presented, with Paul Johnson, an edition of the BBC 2 series *Open Door* entitled 'To Live in Peace', which explored the current situation in Israel.

His journalistic skills were recognised in 1971 when he was appointed political and deputy editor of *The Spectator*, later moving on to become the features editor of *The Telegraph Magazine*. Between 1975 and 1979 Cosgrave was a Special Advisor to Margaret Thatcher. While this advisory role ceased after the general election of 1979, he continued his involvement in the party and corresponded with various Conservative members of Parliament. He remained a great admirer of Thatcher, eventually writing two books about her: *Margaret Thatcher: A Tory and Her Party* and *Thatcher: The First Term*. He was briefly managing editor of Quartet Crime (part of Quartet Books) at this time.

A freelance writing career followed. He was represented in this by literary agent Mike Shaw of the Curtis Brown agency, with whom he corresponded over many years. Several other political biographies authored by Cosgrave were published throughout the 1970s and 1980s, including *Churchill at War: Alone*; *R.A. Butler: An English Life*; *Carrington: A Life and a Policy*; and *The Lives of Enoch Powell*. The latter was written with the cooperation of Powell, who gave Cosgrave exclusive access to his private archive. As a freelance journalist he wrote for many publications, including *The Times*, the *Independent*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Daily Express*, the *Irish Times*, the *Irish Press*, the *Literary Review*, the *American Spectator*, *Encounter*, and the *National Review*. He wrote many obituaries, particularly for *The Independent*, and also had several adventure novels published.

Cosgrave had a great interest in international affairs, corresponding and collaborating at length with Lieutenant Colonel George Richey about defence issues. This culminated in their production of a pamphlet entitled *NATO's Strategy: A Case of Outdated Priorities*. He also corresponded for several years with the American freelance political consultant and journalist Peter Witonski.

Cosgrave was married three times: to Ruth Dudley Edwards in 1965 (marriage dissolved), to Norma Green in 1974 (marriage dissolved) and to Shirley Ward in 1981. He had one daughter, Rebecca, born in 1974. He died in London on 15 September 2001 at the age of 59.

Archival history

The Patrick Cosgrave Papers were deposited by Shirley Cosgrave in July 2007.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content

Notes, outlines, drafts and other material relating to both completed and planned books, articles and other pieces of writing.

Correspondence with members of the Conservative Party, including Margaret Thatcher and John Major.

Correspondence with colleagues from UCD.

Extensive correspondence with both George Richey and Peter Witonski.

General correspondence, 1983-2001.

Material relating to Cosgrave's interest in Israeli and Jewish affairs: articles and, speeches, correspondence, production materials from his 'To Live in Peace' edition of *Open Door*.

Material relating to his participation in the Jewish charity ORT, including his trip to South Africa to speak at their conference.

Material relating to his literary agents, Curtis Brown, including extensive correspondence with his agent Mike Shaw, contracts and royalty statements.

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CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE**Access**

Available by appointment to holders of a UCDA reader's ticket. Produced for consultation in microform.

Language

English

Finding Aid

Descriptive catalogue

DESCRIPTION CONTROL**Archivist's Note**

An initial listing of the papers was supplied by Shirley Cosgrave. This descriptive catalogue was prepared by Sarah Poutch in August 2009.

ALLIED MATERIALS

Additional material has been retained by the Cosgrave family and is available for perusal in London.

1. WRITINGS

1.1 Books and plays

P233/1 March 1963–July 2001

6 items

Balance of Power

Material relating to an unpublished book about international relations, consisting of lecture notes from a university history class (taken by Dermot Fenlon); a draft outline of the book and letter sent to his literary agent, Mike Shaw, in which he says he has wanted to write this book 'since he was about fifteen'; and handwritten and typed notes with ideas for the book.

P233/2 November 1968–November 1984

13 items

Defence of the Realm articles

Articles on the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and other defence issues, and handwritten notes by Cosgrave and George Richey, which led to their working on an unpublished manuscript with the above title.

P233/3 17 August 1977

6pp

Churchill at Peace

Handwritten notes and newspaper cuttings for the planned but uncompleted sequel to Cosgrave's earlier work, 'Churchill at War'.

P233/4 1986

116pp

Court of Enquiry

A three act play based 'very loosely on what happened to Siegfried Sassoon in 1917', and dedicated to the memory of William Halse Rivers Rivers, Sassoon's neurologist.

P233/5 c1992
10pp
Notes for book on Socialism
Presumably for Cosgrave's book *The Strange Death of Socialist Britain* (published 1992), photocopies of typed and printed notes, and a draft chapter outline.

P233/6 2 March 2000
140 pp
My Father, and other memories of Dublin
An unpublished memoir by Cosgrave about his childhood and his recollections of his father.

1.2 Articles and speeches

P233/7 10 April 1971
11p
Book review
Handwritten copy of a review of Andrew Boyd's book *Fifteen Men on a Powder Keg: A History of the United Nations Security Council*, and a newspaper cutting of the review as published in the *Spectator*.

P233/8 c1981
5pp
What is Paid For is Ours
Article written in reaction to the difficulties encountered by Lord Scarsdale and Henry Harpur-Crewe in the early nineteen eighties with regard to inheritance tax.

P233/9 March 1985
7pp
The Thatcher Future
Written for *Encounter*, an article discussing Margaret Thatcher's future and the next election, and correspondence between Cosgrave and Melvin J. Lasky, editor of *Encounter*, regarding the piece.

- P233/10** June 1988
11p
Blackwell's entries
Copies of two entries written by Cosgrave on Peter Carrington and Peter Thorneycroft for The Blackwell Biographical Dictionary of British Political Life in the Twentieth Century, and correspondence with the editor, Professor Keith Robbins.
- P233/11** 19 August 1991
6pp
Did Britain Rearm?
Article exploring the British appeasement of Germany between the two world wars which Cosgrave proposes to expand into a book.
- P233/12** 11 June 1993
18pp
Lecture
Delivered by Cosgrave on Anthony Eden to the West Midlands Area CPC in Market Drayton.
- P233/13** c1999
5pp
Book review
Review for *Punch* of Susan Crosland's *The Prime Minister's Wife* and an autobiography of her husband, Anthony Crosland, by Kevin Jefferys.
- P233/14** c2001
4pp
Narcissus at the BBC
Article written about Cosgrave's perception of the BBC as being preoccupied with reporting its own affairs as news, citing the example of their coverage of the Real IRA bombing at the BBC's news centre in London (4 March 2001).

P233/15 Not dated
8pp
Castlehaven
Historical article exploring some of the difficulties facing Charles II after the restoration of the Stuart monarchy in 1660.

P233/16 Not dated
3pp
Letter to the United States
An open letter stating Cosgrave's reservations about the United States' commitment to the Western Alliance.

1.3 Obituaries

P233/17 c1989
7pp
Biography of Tufton Beamish (d1989)
Short biographical entry for the Conservative Member of Parliament for Lewes (1945–74), and member of the House of Lords as Baron Chelwood (1974–89). Written for the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*.

P233/18 8 October 1990–c1997
7pp
Obituary of John Biffen (d2007)
Written for the *Independent* on William John Biffen, Conservative Member of Parliament for Oswestry, later Shropshire North (1961–97) and subsequently a member of the House of Lords (1997–2007). An addendum is added after the general election of 1997.

P233/19 Not dated
6pp
Biography of Sir John Biggs-Davison (d1988)
Short biographical entry for the Conservative Member of Parliament for Chigwell (1955–74) and Epping Forest (1974–88), written for the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*.

P233/20 22 April 1998

6pp

Obituary of John Boyd-Carpenter (d1998)

Written for the *Independent* on John Boyd-Carpenter, Conservative Member of Parliament for Kingston-upon-Thames (1945–72) and subsequently a member of the House of Lords (1997–2007).

P233/21 Not dated

3pp

Obituary of Nicholas Budgen (d1998)

Written for the *Independent* on the Conservative Member of Parliament for Wolverhampton South West (1974–97). Budgen was later one of the so-called Maastricht Rebels (1992–3).

P233/22 24 March 1996

7pp

Obituary of Robert Carr

Written for the *Independent* on the Conservative Member of Parliament for Mitcham (1950–74) and Carshalton (1974–76), Home Secretary (1972–74), and later Baron Carr. Attached is a letter from Patrick Cosgrave to Jamie Ferguson of *The Independent*.

P233/23 January 1999

4pp

Obituary of Jonathan Cole (d1998)

Written for *Counsel*, journal of the Bar of England and Wales, on the Irish born lawyer. Attached are two letters, one to Stephanie Hawthorne, editor of *Counsel*, and the other to John Leslie, a mutual friend of Cole's and Cosgrave's, thanking him for information used in the obituary.

P233/24 February 1998–November 1999

10pp

Obituary of Sir Julian Critchley (d2000)

Written for the *Independent* on the Conservative Member of Parliament for Rochester and Chatham (1959–64) and Aldershot (1970–97). A copy of the original draft with a handwritten note from Annabel Freyberg asking for some revisions is accompanied by the eventual final draft.

P233/25 Not dated

2pp

Obituary of Petre Crowder (d1999)

Written for the *Independent* on the barrister and Conservative Member of Parliament for Ruislip-Northwood (1950–79).

P233/26 Not dated

3pp

Obituary of Sir Anthony Fell (d1998)

Written for the *Independent* on the Conservative Member of Parliament for Yarmouth (1951–66 and 1970–83).

P233/27 6 April 1992

13pp

Obituary of Sir Edward Heath (d2005)

Written for the *Independent* on the Prime Minister (1970–74), leader of the Conservative Party (1965–75) and Member of Parliament for Bexley (1950–74), Sidcup (1974–83) and Old Bexley and Sidcup (1983–2001). Cosgrave mentions that British membership of the European Union ‘without his will probably could not have been achieved’.

P233/28 7 November 1998

5pp

Obituary of Sir Nicholas Lyell

Written for the *Independent* on the Conservative Member of Parliament for Hemel Hempstead (1979–83), Mid Bedfordshire (1983–

P233/28 contd 97) and North East Bedfordshire (1997–2001), Solicitor General for England and Wales (1987–92) and Attorney General for England, Wales and Northern Ireland (1992–7).

P233–29 Not dated

6pp

Obituary of Sir Ian McGregor (d1998)

Written for the *Independent* on the Scottish–American industrialist, chairman of British Steel (1980–3), head of the National Coal Board (1983–6), prominent figure in the miners’ strike (1984–5) and later, chairman of the British branch of ORT.

P233/30 8 January 1992

8pp

Obituary of John Major

Written for the *Independent* on the Prime Minister (1990–7), leader of the Conservative party (1990–7) and Member of Parliament for Huntingdonshire (1979–83) and Huntingdon (1983–2001). Two drafts of the obituary and an addendum as well as a fax receipt from its delivery to Louis Jebb at *The Independent*.

P233/31 Not dated

5pp

Obituary of Ian Orr-Ewing (d1999)

Written for the *Independent* on the Conservative Member of Parliament for Hendon North (1950–70), later Baron Orr-Ewing.

P233/32 Not dated

3pp

Obituary of Sir Walter Ian Percival (d1998)

Written for the *Independent* on the barrister, Conservative Member of Parliament for Southport (1959–87), and Solicitor General for England and Wales (1979–83).

- P233/33** Not dated
4pp
Obituary of John Peyton (d2006)
Written for the *Independent* on the Conservative Member of Parliament for Yeovil (1951–83).
- P233/34** Not dated
5pp
Obituary of Geoffrey Rippon (d1997)
Written for the *Independent* on the barrister and Conservative Member of Parliament for Norwich South (1955–64) and Hexham (1966–87), Shadow Foreign Secretary (1974–5) and later Baron Rippon. The article has some handwritten annotations.
- P233/35** 14 May 1990
5pp
Obituary of Peter Shore (d2001)
Written for the *Independent* on the Labour Member of Parliament for Stepney (1964–74), Stepney and Poplar (1974–83) and Bethnal Green and Stepney (1983–97) and Secretary of State for the Environment (1976–9). Attached is a letter from Patrick Cosgrave to Louis Jebb. A note by Shirley Cosgrave on the letter states that as Peter Shore died a few days after Patrick Cosgrave, this was the final obituary of Cosgrave's that the *Independent* used.
- P233/36** Not dated
3pp
Obituary of Sir Rupert Speir (d1998)
Written for the *Independent* on the solicitor and Conservative Member of Parliament for Hexham (1951–66).
- P233/37** October 1989–October 1990
31p
Obituary of Margaret Thatcher
Written for the *Independent* on the Prime Minister (1979–90), leader of the Conservative Party (1975–90), Member of Parliament for

P233/37 contd Finchley (1959–92) and later Baroness Thatcher. Two versions of the obituary are included; the later version is noted as needing further updates on her resignation, publication of her memoirs, and her role after leaving political life.

P233/38 Not dated

4pp

Obituary of Major Sir Patrick Wall (d1998)

Written for the *Independent* on Conservative Member of Parliament for Haltemprice (1954–83) and Beverley (1983–87).

P233/39 12 March 1990

11p

Obituary of William Whitelaw (d1999)

Written for the *Independent* on the Conservative Member of Parliament for Penrith and The Border (1955–83), Leader of the House of Commons (1970–2), Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (1972–3), Home Secretary (1979–83) and Deputy Prime Minister (1979–88), later Viscount Whitelaw. A letter to Louis Jebb from Cosgrave is attached, asking if he should also write obituaries for Peter Thorneycroft, Peter Shore, and Alec Douglas Home, enclosing a piece he had written on Home the previous year.

P233/40 December 1995–November 1997

15pp

Correspondence relating to obituaries

Correspondents are Jamie Ferguson, Louis Jebb and Annabel Freyberg, all of the *Independent*, topics mainly being updates to obituaries, and suggestions for those Cosgrave would like to write.

1.4 Ideas for writing projects

P233/41 24 October 1975

3pp

Article on The National Army Museum

Notes on Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, who helped to found the museum and a letter from the director, William Reid.

P233/42 25 May 1982

8pp

The Crisis of Britain

Draft notes and a letter sent to Mike Shaw regarding Cosgrave's idea of writing a book on the political history of Britain since 1956, focusing particularly on the impact of the Falklands War and the Suez Crisis but also encompassing the other major crises and issues of the period. On a page of handwritten notes Cosgrave writes that the Falklands War is 'to be like a thread throughout'.

P233/43 December 1986–January 1987

9pp

Khan

An outline for a novel about the emergence of a military and political leader from the Buryati people of Siberia called Khan, whose aim is to take over the U.S.S.R. through a *coup d'état*. Newspaper cuttings of stories relating to the Soviet Union and marked 'New file: Khan' are included.

P233/44 July 1983–July 1984

20 pp

Hemingway in Paris

Material relating to a planned piece following in Hemingway's footsteps in Paris. Receipts for a research trip to Paris, handwritten notes and a letter to William Davis (journalist) asking for his opinion on the idea are included.

P233/45 28 March 1986

19pp

Leaders and Survival

Several versions of an article exploring the reasons why leaders of the two main political parties in Britain throughout the century had given up that leadership. Handwritten notes and a letter to Nicholas Brett of *The Times* regarding the length of the article are included.

P233/46 29 May 1986

3pp

The Question of Human Rights

Handwritten notes for a planned essay about international human rights. Cosgrave writes that 'the essential question here is whether...a power should be influenced in its foreign policy towards another power by the latter's attitude on human rights'.

P233/47 December 1995–January 2000

7pp

Biography of Edward Carson

Copy of a fax transmission from Cosgrave to his agent Mike Shaw, in which he mentions that he is sending another copy of an earlier letter about his wish to write a comprehensive biography of the Ulster Unionist leader and Member of Parliament for Dublin University (1892–1918) and Belfast Duncairn (1918–21). He also sends a broad outline of what he sees as the main sections of Carson's life the proposed book would deal with.

P233/48 July 1997

3pp

The 'Peace Process' in Northern Ireland

Handwritten notes of Cosgrave's reflections on the Northern Irish peace process. He writes that the average British politician has little knowledge or understanding of the issues involved. He recounts an instance when Reginald Maudling, the Home Secretary, met with Cosgrave to ask him, as he had been raised Catholic, 'why those beggars go around killing one another because of religion?'. The notes are marked as having been written while on holiday in Corfu, Greece.

P233/49 February 1998–April 1999

24pp

Rivalries

Material relating to Cosgrave's plans to write a book about great political rivalries of the British party system. Correspondence between Cosgrave, Michael Shaw and various publishers show that it was rejected several times before arousing the interest of Iain Dale of Politico's publishers. Two draft outlines of the rivalries to be written about and a page of handwritten notes are also included.

P233/50 6 September 2000

5pp

Wilson and Blair

Handwritten notes for a potential article on the similarities and differences between Harold Wilson and Tony Blair. Three of the note pages used are from the Harbour Rocks Hotel in Sydney, Australia.

P233/51 Not dated

3pp

Untitled Cheyney novel

Outline for a novel featuring Cosgrave's creation Colonel Allen Cheyney. It begins 'here is a plot, logical and possible', and involves spies and the U.S.S.R. An obituary of 'The Earl of Invermuir', to be used as part of the novel, is attached.

P233/52 Not dated

4pp

The End of Europe

Notes on a proposed book in which Cosgrave sees the future of Europe as being an inevitable decline due to immigration, economic power shifting to the Far East, and technologically underdeveloped nations catching up with the West. He writes 'the fact that most of what used to be called the Third World has poor and under-educated populations should not blind us to their residual power'.

P233/53 Not dated

6pp

The Four Men

Handwritten notes for a thriller novel about four soldiers who are ambushed during a war. These pages are attached to a note on which is written 'Antipodean thriller'.

P233/54 Not dated

4pp

London Evening People

Notes on the potential for the success of a new daily London evening newspaper. Cosgrave believes it ought to cater to Londoners by delivering only minimal international coverage and focusing on issues concerning Londoners. As well as this, he writes that it should appeal to tourists by providing them with information on where to go and what to do when in London. He sees obtaining a stake in a local radio franchise as being essential for the venture's success.

P233/55 Not dated

1p

Moments in History

An outline of Cosgrave's idea to write a series of television programmes which examine dramatic moments in contemporary history. He mentions the return to power of General de Gaulle in 1958 and the Six-Day War in 1967 as being potential subjects. He wants to choose material 'to make up a strong narrative spine' and to use as much radio and television coverage of the main participants as possible.

P233/56 Not dated

8pp

Political Partnerships

A proposal for a book which deals with unlikely political partnerships in modern British history. Subjects mentioned for inclusion are Salisbury and Disraeli, Asquith and Grey, MacDonald and Baldwin, Thatcher and Whitelaw, and Churchill and Lloyd George.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1 10 Downing Street

2.1.1 Margaret Thatcher years

P233/57 28 August 1979

1p

Letter from Margaret Thatcher

Thatcher lets him know that she would prefer not to meet with him at present, as she wishes to wait until at least Christmas of that year before meeting with any journalists as her 'feeling is that Harold Wilson did his Government some damage in the mid-60's by talking too much about his hopes before they stood any chance of being realized'. She ends with best wishes to Cosgrave and his wife Norma as they move to Scotland.

P233/58 4 October 1983

36pp

Letter from Robin Butler

Written by Margaret Thatcher's Principal Private Secretary to express the Prime Minister's appreciation for Cosgrave's help in the preparation for a speech at the Churchill Award Dinner, which she delivered in the United States on 29 September. Butler encloses a copy of the final speech, and also mentions that he is enclosing a signed photograph of the Prime Minister for Cosgrave's daughter Rebecca.

P233/59 November 1983

4pp

Correspondence with Robin Butler

Butler writes to ask Cosgrave if he has any suggestions for a speech the Prime Minister is to deliver at Harrow, Winston Churchill's alma mater. He points out that he will need a reply by 17 November as she will leave for the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting shortly afterward. Cosgrave's reply contains eight points for the Prime Minister to consider, including the fact that Churchill in fact hated Harrow in almost every respect. He also advises her to 'give yourself a treat' and re-read Churchill's autobiography *My Early Life*.

P233/60 22 June 1983

3pp

Correspondence with Margaret Thatcher

Letter from Cosgrave to the Prime Minister asking her to consider Gerry Fitt, the former Social Democratic and Labour Party leader and Member of Parliament for Belfast West, as a candidate for a peerage. Cosgrave believes he has earned such an honour by his 'numerous and explicit' condemnations of terrorism in Northern Ireland. He also notes that he can personally verify the veracity of Fitt's feelings, as expressed by his eulogy in the House of Commons, of Airey Neave. The Prime Minister in her reply thanks him for his letter and says she will see that the recommendation is given the fullest consideration.

P233/61 May-June 1984

2pp

Correspondence with Michael Alison

Cosgrave writes to the Prime Minister to express his disgust at seeing the Union flag at Conservative Central Office furled around its mast and 'quite indescribably filthy'. Besides those issues, he points out that this was at half past eight at night, by which time the flag should be taken in. The Prime Minister's Parliamentary Private Secretary replies to express thanks for his letter and to let him know that they will look into the matter.

P233/62 26 September 1985

1p

Letter to Stephen Sherbourne

Sent to the Prime Minister's Political Secretary as an accompaniment to a copy of William Hurrell Mallock's *A Critical Examination of Socialism* for the purpose of researching a speech. Cosgrave writes that he is 'pretty certain' that this is the book the Prime Minister has requested, as he lent her a copy in 1976 and she was intrigued by it. He notes though that it may be better for her to stress the patriotism of early Labour Party leaders as opposed to the 'pro-Soviet time servers of today', and says that he will send on any other thoughts for the speech if they occur to him.

P233/63 20 November 1985

1p

Letter from Margaret Thatcher

The Prime Minister writes to thank Cosgrave for his letter of 11 November, saying it was good to hear from him again. She also asks him to thank his daughter Rebecca for her own message, which the Prime Minister found 'charming'.

P233/64 May–June 1986

2pp

Correspondence with Bernard Ingham

Cosgrave sends a copy of the first of two pieces he has written for *Encounter* magazine to the Prime Minister's Chief Press Secretary, and says that the second piece is scheduled for publication at the end of year. Ingham replies to thank him and notes that he will show it to the Prime Minister.

P233/65 December 1986–January 1987

3pp

Correspondence with Margaret Thatcher

On the unexpected death of David Penhaligon, Member of Parliament for Truro (1974–86), Cosgrave writes to suggest to the Prime Minister that the Conservative Party not put up a candidate in the eventual by-election but rather to let the Liberal Democrat Party decide who should take up his seat. He admits that besides it being a 'splendid gesture', he has some 'Machiavellian thoughts as well' for offering this advice. The Prime Minister replies to thank him for his letter, calling the suggestion 'typically imaginative' but that she fears it could be misinterpreted and prove damaging to the party.

P233/66 13 December 1990

1p

Letter from Margaret Thatcher

Written to thank Cosgrave for his letter sent after her resignation on 28 November. She assures him that John Major will make an 'excellent Prime Minister'.

2.1.2 John Major years

P233/67 April–December 1990

3pp

Correspondence with John Major

Cosgrave writes to the Prime Minister to congratulate him on succeeding Margaret Thatcher, but adds 'I earn my living by the typewriter' and reminds the Prime Minister that he promised him the first interview after he entered Downing Street. Major's reply is a standard one but he has handwritten a note confirming that he does remember promising another interview, and asking Cosgrave to contact Gus O'Donnell, his Press Secretary, to arrange it. An earlier letter to Max Hastings, editor of *The Daily Telegraph* is also included, in which Cosgrave asks if he would be interested in carrying the promised interview when completed.

2.2 Conservative Members of Parliament

P233/68 June 1986

4pp

Correspondence with Kenneth Baker

Cosgrave writes to the Member of Parliament for Mole Valley, to congratulate him on his appointment as Secretary of State for Education and Science. He urges Baker to consider the issue of curriculum control, as he believes it is the main reason for what he sees as declining standards in the education system. Baker's reply is standard but he adds a handwritten acknowledgement that he agrees that the curriculum is key. Cosgrave has also handwritten a page of notes in preparation for this letter of congratulations.

P233/69 February–December 1987

2pp

Correspondence with Sir John Biggs-Davison

The secretary of the Member of Parliament for Epping Forest writes to Cosgrave to ask if he would meet Biggs-Davison for a drink. Biggs-Davison personally writes to thank Cosgrave for his 'generous and informed' article on his book *The Cross of St Patrick*. Cosgrave then writes to Biggs-Davison thanking him for his letter and his suggestion of an unnamed writing project, which Cosgrave says he cannot take up just yet as he is completing his biography of Enoch Powell.

P233/70 August–October 1996

5pp

Correspondence with Edward du Cann

The former Member of Parliament for Taunton (1956–87) and Chairman of the Conservative Party (1965–7) writes to thank Cosgrave for his letter and says he will call next time he is visiting London so they may meet up. Cosgrave replies after that meeting to thank du Cann for lunch. Cosgrave has also typed some notes on their conversation over lunch, including du Cann's thoughts on Edward Heath and Iain Macleod, and his business difficulties.

P233/71 February 1998

3pp

Correspondence with Edward Heath

The former Prime Minister writes in response to Cosgrave's obituary of Enoch Powell in *The Independent* to point out three inaccuracies concerning him in the piece. Cosgrave replies to disagree with Heath on the first two points, but accepts Heath's comments about his health and apologises 'unreservedly'. Cosgrave then sends a copy of Heath's letter to Jamie Ferguson of *The Independent*, the covering note of which is also included here.

P233/72 June–October 1989

3pp

Postcards from Douglas Hurd

Three postcards from the Home Secretary and Member of Parliament for Witney thanking Cosgrave for his letters.

P233/73 12 September 1974

1p

Letter from Keith Joseph

Written by the Member of Parliament for Leeds North East thanking Cosgrave for an article he had written. He goes on to say though 'don't please pin too much hope on me – there are giant tasks ahead, and I'm no giant'.

P233/74 [December 1988]

2pp

Christmas card from John Major

Sent while Major was the Chief Secretary to the Treasury (1987–9). The card is fronted with a sketch of George Goschen, Chancellor of the Exchequer (1887–92).

P233/75 July–September 1989

6pp

Correspondence with John Major

Letter from Cosgrave expressing his delight at Major's appointment as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and demanding the first interview when Major becomes Prime Minister. Major replies with thanks for his note, and also for his 'very generous' profile in *The Times*. He says the first interview is Cosgrave's 'if and when!'. He finishes by saying that he is currently reading Cosgrave's biography of Rab Butler and is greatly enjoying it. Cosgrave replies to say he is 'mounting my Major watch' and asks if he could get texts of Major's speeches, to which Major replies that he will have the Press Office and his Special Advisor send such copies on. A photocopy of Cosgrave's *Times* profile of Major is included.

P233/76 October–November 1989

2pp

Correspondence with John Major

Cosgrave writes to congratulate Major on his appointment as Chancellor of the Exchequer, believing he will carry the burden 'brilliantly'. He asks again for copies of any speeches made as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Major in his reply says he will do his best in the new position, and will ensure that copies of the speeches are sent.

P233/77 1 February 1988

1p

Letter from Robert Rhodes James

The Member of Parliament for Cambridge writes to thank Cosgrave for his letter.

P233/78 23 October

1p

Letter from Nicholas Ridley

The Member of Parliament for Cirencester and Tewkesbury thanks Cosgrave for his letter, saying he is grateful for true friends such as him.

P233/79 October 1986

2pp

Correspondence with Richard Ryder

Cosgrave writes to the Member of Parliament for Mid Norfolk to congratulate him on a 'small step', being appointed to the Chief Whip's office. He tells Ryder he believes it will be 'roses from now on'. Ryder replies with a note of thanks.

P233/80 3 August 1988

1p

Letter from Richard Ryder

Ryder thanks Cosgrave for his letter. He writes that he had misgivings when appointed to the Chief Whip's office two years before but changed his views and will now miss it.

P233/81 9 March 1984

1p

Letter to John Selwyn Gummer

Cosgrave writes to the Member of Parliament for Suffolk Coastal, enclosing a 'rather amateurish' transcription of a speech delivered by George Richey at a meeting.

P233/82 12 December 1994

1p

Letter from Norman Tebbit

The former Member of Parliament for Chingford (1974-92) writes to thank Cosgrave for his letter.

2.3 UCD colleagues

P233/83 5 April 1999

1p

Letter to Anthony Clare

Cosgrave apologises for failing to reply to an invitation to a Literary and Historical Society hosted event, and promises that if it is to become an annual event, he will make it the next year.

P233/84 29 July 1977

1p

Letter from Robert Dudley Edwards

Edwards sends Cosgrave's thesis to him, and writes that some further work on his position would be needed before publication. He advises Cosgrave to read the relevant chapters in the *New History of Ireland, Volume III*. The reverse of the letter has a handwritten note by Patrick Cosgrave regarding a meeting with a John Baldwin.

P233/85 January 1980–March 1992

23pp

Correspondence with Dermot Fenlon

Cosgrave and Fenlon correspond mainly on matters of political theory and religion. They also discuss their respective careers: Cosgrave on his writing, and Fenlon on ecumenical matters.

P233/86 18 December 1982

1 booklet

Order of service for the ordination of Dermot Fenlon

Conducted by Alan C. Clark, Bishop of East Anglia.

P233/87 20 March 1989

8pp

Letter from James McGuire

McGuire writes to let Cosgrave know that he enjoyed his piece on Desmond Williams in *Encounter*, and mentions that he wrote a 'more

P233/87 contd prosaic' obituary for *Irish Historical Studies*, a copy of which is included.

P233/88 [?November] 1985

1p

Letter from Desmond Williams

Williams writes to thank Cosgrave for a copy of his book on Margaret Thatcher and to let him know that he will be visiting England shortly and enquires as to Cosgrave's movements at that time. The letter has handwritten notes by Cosgrave.

P233/89 15 December 1985

1p

Letter from Desmond Williams

Williams apologises for not seeing Cosgrave while in England but mentions that he did have lunch with Dermot Fenlon in Cambridge, who Williams relates was 'most impressed' with Cosgrave's idea for a book on Peter Carrington. He asks if Cosgrave received the letter he sent about a month ago, and wishes him luck on a trip to Tel Aviv that he is taking.

P233/90 Not dated

2pp

Letter to Desmond Williams

Cosgrave sends Williams an unidentified piece which he hopes will amuse him and mentions that he continually refers to Williams' lectures about the balance of power, and wishes that Williams would 'put them in more durable form than the words of your pupil'. He goes on to ask 'what Garret and Burke think they're up to?', claiming every move made by the Irish government is 'calculated to make both the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State angry'. Cosgrave also predicts that Margaret Thatcher will win the 1987 general election with a sizable majority and will become the longest serving Prime Minister since Lord Salisbury, 'of blessed memory'.

P233/91 4 March 1986

1p

Letter to Desmond Williams

Sent with a copy of the finished book on Peter Carrington, stating that Cosgrave regrets he had 'such a feeble figure to deal with'. He mentions that he will be having a meeting later in the month with Geoffrey Howe, and asks for Williams' opinion on the book, as 'most of the general ideas are yours'.

P233/92 14 March 1986

1p

Letter from Desmond Williams

Written to thank Cosgrave for sending copies of an article from *The Sunday Times* and the Peter Carrington book. He asks if Cosgrave has any plans to visit Ireland, as he will be in England in late May and would like to arrange a meeting. In a postscript, he wishes Cosgrave a 'Happy St Patrick's Day... lest you forget!'

P233/93 January–October 1987

8pp

Material relating to the death of Desmond Williams

Copy of his obituary from the *Irish Times*, a note from Mary M(oloney), in which she writes 'we'll all miss him but you more than most', letters of thanks from Mary Moloney and Angela Williams, and correspondence relating to a fund set up in Desmond Williams' name to buy books for Peterhouse Library.

2.4 Newspaper editors

P233/94 August 1977–October 1982

6pp

Correspondence with editors

Correspondents include Anthony Shrimpsley (*Mail on Sunday*), and Gordon Crovitz (*Wall Street Journal*).

P233/95 9 May 1983

22pp

Correspondence with editors

Letter from Morris Bennett, personal assistant to the editor of the *Daily Express*, relating to payments made to Cosgrave. The letter is accompanied by copies of Cosgrave's expenses.

P233/96 June–November 1983

9pp

Correspondence with editors

Correspondents include R. Emmett Tyrell (*American Spectator*) and Peter Strafford (*The Times*).

P233/97 January–May 1984

27pp

Correspondence with editors

Correspondents include Charles Douglas-Home (*The Times*), John Anstey (*Daily Telegraph*) and Roderick Gilchrist (*Daily Mail*). Included is a holograph letter from Melvin J. Lasky (*Encounter*).

P233/98 June–December 1984

10pp

Correspondence with editors

Correspondents include R. Emmett Tyrell and Simon Tait (*Daily Telegraph*).

P233/99 January–June 1985

13pp

Correspondence with editors

Correspondents include Max Hastings (*Evening Standard*), Raymond Lamont-Brown (*Writers' Monthly*), and Mike Scott (Granada Television).

P233/100 February–July 1986

16pp

Correspondence with editors

Correspondents include Geoff Axbey (art director of the *Telegraph Sunday Magazine*) and John O’Sullivan (*The Times*).

P233/101 October–December 1986

25pp

Correspondence with editors

Correspondents include Max Hastings (*Daily Telegraph*), Nigel Wade (*Daily Telegraph*), Karen Robinson (*Sunday Telegraph*) and Trevor Grove (*Daily Telegraph*).

P233/102 January–October 1987

25pp

Correspondence with editors

Correspondents include Gordon Cowan (*Daily Mail*), Frank Johnson (*The Times*), Richard Williams (*The Times*) and Harry Phibbs.

P233/103 January–December 1988

9pp

Correspondence with editors

Correspondents include Veronica Wadley (*Daily Telegraph*) and Frank Johnson (*The Times*).

P233/104 June 1989–December 2000

19pp

Correspondence with editors

Correspondents include Julie Spencer (*The Field*), Louis Jebb (*The Independent*), Max Hastings (*Daily Telegraph*), Andrew Neil (*The Sunday Times*), Peter Stothard (*The Times*), Andreas Whittam Smith (*The Independent*), and Brian Brivati, editor of the *Contemporary Record*.

P233/105 26 February 2001

8pp

Correspondence with editors

Letter to Boris Johnson (*The Spectator*) accompanied by an article Cosgrave has written about George W. Bush.

2.5 George Richey

P233/106 September 1977–September 1982

27pp

Letters from George Richey

Enclosing articles Richey has written entitled 'NATO's Security in the 80s and 90s' and 'U.K. Defence Policy'. He also includes a newspaper cutting of a short piece he had published.

P233/107 April–December 1983

19pp

Correspondence with George Richey

Richey sends Cosgrave an article entitled 'British Defence Policy after the Falklands'. Includes correspondence with Peter A. Jenner and Christopher Popham organizing a briefing trip to NATO for both Cosgrave and Richey, and similarly arranging a visit for them to the headquarters of the Royal Marines' Commando Forces.

P233/108 January–April 1984

22pp

Correspondence with George Richey

Richey sends a letter he has received from Air Vice–Marshal Paddy Menaul with comments on his 'U.K. Defence Policy' piece. They also discuss an invitation extended to them by Philip Towle (Queen's College, Cambridge) to speak to the MPhil in International Relations class.

P233/109 July–November 1984

8pp

Correspondence with George Richey

Richey invites Cosgrave to speak at his local Conservative party constituency meeting, which Cosgrave agrees to. The remainder of the correspondence deals mainly with Cosgrave's decision to withdraw from participating with Richey on the *Defence of the Realm* book.

P233/110 January–August 1985

12pp

Correspondence with George Richey

Richey sends a photocopy of an article on football he wrote which was published in the *New Statesman*. A letter from Peter Shellard of J.M. Dent, publishers, is included, in which he advises Richey and Cosgrave to adapt their writing on defence into a novel.

P233/111 June–[cJuly] 1986

9pp

Correspondence with George Richey

Richey sends a copy of the advance notice of his completed book, *Britain's Strategic Role in NATO*.

P233/112 January–July 1987

17pp

Correspondence with George Richey

Richey encloses a review of his book from *British Book News*, and suggests they update their article on NATO strategy. There is some undated correspondence on general matters.

P233/113 Not dated

17pp

Letters from George Richey

Richey writes about the cooperation between NATO and South Africa, and later sends a 'rock horror scenario' he has devised, imagining the

P233/113 effect on British defence should Labour gain power.
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P233/114 Not dated

23pp

Letters from George Richey

Enclosing a piece entitled 'NATO – The Need for Review'.

2.6 Peter Witonski

P233/115 September 1983–December 1985

19pp

Correspondence with Peter Witonski

Personal letters from Witonski in which he discusses Anglo–American relations, a visit of his to Belfast, which he calls a 'dreadful city', his travels to the Middle East and Malta, and bemoans the success of fundraising in the United States for the Irish Northern Aid Committee. Witonski mentions (4 November 1985) that he recently had dinner with Richard Nixon, whom he found to be 'a terribly bright man'.

P233/116 February–December 1986

21p

Correspondence with Peter Witonski

Subjects discussed include Peter Carrington's reaction to Cosgrave's biography of him, Israel, the popularity of Margaret Thatcher in the United States, Patrick and Shirley Cosgrave's trip to Spain and Portugal, and the Iran–Contra affair is briefly mentioned. Personal greetings are exchanged, and Cosgrave sends Witonski a copy of an article he has written about human rights and foreign policy. Witonski asks if Cosgrave would be interested in writing a chapter for a Raymond Aron festschrift, produced by the American Committee on the Free World.

P233/117 January–March 1987

16pp

Correspondence with Peter Witonski

Relating mainly to Witonski's commissioning of Cosgrave to write a

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chapter for the Raymond Aron festschrift. They discuss the direction the essay should take as well as politics and international relations.

P233/118 March 1987–November 1988

16pp

Correspondence with Peter Witonski

Witonski writes to inform Cosgrave of a serious accident he has been involved in, (19 April 1987), to which Cosgrave replies to express his hopes for a quick recovery. Subsequently there is confusion over deadlines for the Aron essay, and Witonski eventually writes (15 June 1987) that he has been forced to give the piece to Claudia Winkler, complaining that he had given Cosgrave ample time to write the chapter, which had been invented especially for him to write. Cosgrave replies that he was of the understanding that he could submit it after the general election, and that 'there's no use brooding about it'. Witonski writes again in November the following year to thank Patrick and Shirley Cosgrave for having him to dinner, and expressing happiness that they have 'put aside their difficulties of yore'.

2.7 General correspondence

P233/119 March 1985–June 1989

4pp

Correspondence with the Adam Smith Institute

Correspondence relating to Cosgrave's involvement with the Millennium Project of the institute. There is also a letter (20 June 1989) to thank him for agreeing to come to a lecture hosted by John Major.

P233/120 June 1984–January 1985

2pp

Correspondence with Vera Atkins

Cosgrave writes to say how nice it was to meet Atkins (British intelligence officer during World War II), and sends her a piece about Airey Neave. She replies, thanking him, and apologising for her long delay in replying.

P233/121 4 June 1985

1p

Letter from Naim Attallah

The businessman and publisher writes to Cosgrave to invite him to lunch with David Knapp of Conservative Central Office.

P233/122 October–December 1970

4pp

Correspondence regarding Professor John Bennett Black

Replies from the Universities of Sheffield and Aberdeen to Cosgrave's enquiries about the Scottish historian (d1964).

P233/123 August 1985–January 1998

5pp

Correspondence with Lord Blake

The Provost of Queen's College, Oxford, and Cosgrave correspond on their books and on matters of the Conservative Party.

P233/124 [cDecember] 1984–August 1996

2pp

Letters from Thomas Bourke

Bourke first writes to Cosgrave as a freelance journalist requesting an interview for a profile in a newspaper. He writes again (24 August 1996) to let Cosgrave know that his thesis is due to be published soon, and asking that Cosgrave pass on this information to any person he feels may be interested in it.

P233/125 16–19 December 1987

2pp

Correspondence with Toby Buchan

Buchan (publisher) apologises for being out of touch for so long, and encloses a copy of John Buchan's *These for Remembrance*, which he will publish in January. Cosgrave replies to thank him for the book.

P233/126 7–13 June 1999

2pp

Correspondence with Ronald Butt

The political commentator apologises for not recognizing Cosgrave at a party at Arthur Seldon's house, blaming Cosgrave's new beard. He writes that he wishes they had had a chance to talk about politics, mentioning the 'historically insensitive government' in power.

P233/127 15 October 1986

1p

Letter from the Carnegie Council on Religion and International Affairs

The director of the Carnegie Leadership Program, Audna England, writes to say that a planned conference has changed direction to focus more on economics rather than politics. As such she asks Cosgrave to participate in a different program in the future, one which is more geared to his area of expertise.

P233/128 15 July 1985

1p

Letter from Frank Cass

The publisher sends a copy of a new book, the title of which is not mentioned, as he thinks Cosgrave would like to review it. Cosgrave has handwritten underneath 'Dear Frank: it's a lousy book. Facts wrong, balance wrong, and anybody who uses Storr is almost criminally incompetent'.

P233/129 25 July 1985

1p

Letter from George Chowdharay-Best

The co-author (with Sir John Biggs-Davison) of *The Cross of St Patrick* thanks Cosgrave for his review of the book. He addresses Cosgrave's criticism of their treatment of Father Peter Walsh in the seventeenth century.

P233/130 15 August 1983

1p

Letter from Anthea Cohen

The novelist writes to let Cosgrave know how her writing career is progressing. She mentions that Patricia Highsmith 'has become a very helpful and good friend' to her.

P233/131 August–October 1984

3pp

Letters from Conservative Central Office

The Vice Chairman of Candidates writes to ask if Cosgrave would like his name to go forward to be on an approved list of candidates for the general election, as it was for the last. Another letter is sent in October as no reply was received.

P233/132 November 1986–June 1996

6pp

Notes from Patrick Cosgrave to Shirley Cosgrave

Several short notes on matters relating to his writing career. Cosgrave addresses his wife as 'Boss' or 'S'.

P233/133 November 1996–October 1998

9pp

Correspondence with Philip Cowley

Cowley writes from the Centre for Legislative Studies at the University of Hull to ask if Cosgrave can help with their project of determining which Member of Parliament voted for Margaret Thatcher in the 1975 Conservative Leadership contest. Cosgrave replies with the information he has, as requested. He subsequently sends two more letters with further thoughts on the project.

P233/134 2 May 2001

1p

Letter from Susan Crosland

The writer and widow of Member of Parliament Anthony Crosland thanks Cosgrave for his review of her latest book, noting she

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‘especially liked the last paragraph about Tony’.

P233/135

6 December 1988

1p

Letter from Brian Crozier

Crozier (journalist) writes to say that he is glad that Cosgrave has joined his offensive against the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, as evidenced by a recent article and a letter to *The Times*. He adds that he would like to buy Cosgrave’s books on Peter Carrington and Margaret Thatcher, asking for the publisher’s name in order to do so.

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August 1977–July 1992

2pp

Letter to Simon Courtald

Cosgrave sends a letter to Courtald (journalist) which he received in 1977 from Benny Green, and which he hopes will be of some use to him.

P233/137

August 1984–April 2001

14pp

Correspondence with Lionel Davidson

Correspondence between Cosgrave and the novelist, mainly relating to matters of writing. Davidson writes (8 March 1988) to let Cosgrave know of the serious illness of his wife. Cosgrave writes to offer any assistance he can, and has handwritten a note to his wife under his copy of this reply, closing with the line ‘ah well: everybody must die; but I hope that myself and my loved ones will not go that way’.

P233/138

1 March 1984

1p

Letter to William Deedes

Cosgrave writes to the editor of the *Daily Telegraph* about an article he has written on the merits of slow-cookers, admitting that it is ‘very much off my beaten track, but I would like to find a home for it’.

P233/139 20 March 1984

1p

Letter from Ruth Dudley Edwards

Dudley Edwards hopes that the material she has enclosed will be useful, and suggests contacting the de Barras, should more information be necessary. She wishes Cosgrave luck with the project. He has used the back of the letter to handwrite some notes.

P233/140 August 1984

7pp

Correspondence relating to 'Fair Shares For Artists Too'

An article written by Cosgrave and published in *The Times* (8 August) regarding the need for artists to be fairly compensated for their work drew several letters of thanks. Correspondents include John Alexander-Sinclair, William M. Gardner, and Michael Noakes. A photocopy of a cutting of the article is included.

P233/141 20 November 1986

1p

Letter from Bryan Forbes

The actor writes to thank Cosgrave for his good wishes on Forbes' opening night as director of the revived *The Living Room*.

P233/142 13 February 1985

4pp

Letter from the Committee for the Free World

Ren Lambie writes on behalf of the organization to invite Cosgrave to a press briefing about their forthcoming conference. Cosgrave has handwritten 'No with regrets' at the top of the first page.

P233/143 6 March 1985

2pp

Letter from Gerald Frost

The director of the Institute for European Defence and Strategic Studies invites Cosgrave to an informal lunch meeting to discuss matters of contemporary interest. He notes that the speaker will be

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Ben Wattenberg, an American political columnist. 'Said no' is handwritten in pencil on the letter.

P233/144 November 1981–December 1983

3pp

Letters from Martin Gilbert

The historian and author writes to Cosgrave thanking him for his encouragement with regard to Gilbert's writing.

P233/145 6 July 1987

1p

Letter from Martin Golding

The Ward Librarian of Cosgrave's alma mater, Peterhouse, Cambridge, writes to thank him for a volume on Handel which he sent.

P233/146 9 July 1985

1p

Letter from Major C.D.P. Gover

Congratulating Cosgrave on an article published in *The Times*, Gover says he has clipped it and will use it when canvassing. He urges Cosgrave to 'keep fighting the right people and the right causes'.

P233/147 March 1987

2pp

Correspondence with E.M.K. Grumbell

Grumbell writes to point out Cosgrave's inaccurate use of the word 'scrip' in an article about Sir Walter Raleigh published in the *Daily Telegraph*. Cosgrave replies defending his usage but thanking her for her 'courteous' letter.

P233/148 March 1985

5pp

Correspondence with Professor Linda C. Gugin

Gugin writes from the University of Evansville's British campus at Harlaxton College to ask for a meeting with Cosgrave. She is writing a case study of Margaret Thatcher and would like his insight on some questions. Cosgrave replies with some thoughts on her research.

P233/149 January–February 2000

8pp

Correspondence with Bruce Harding

Harding, a research associate at the Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies sends some photographs of a recent trip Patrick and Shirley Cosgrave took to New Zealand. He also asks if Cosgrave could find time to answer some roughly written questions on Margaret Thatcher and her time as Leader of the Opposition, which are enclosed.

P233/150 March 1987

2pp

Correspondence with Duff Hart-Davis

Cosgrave writes to Hart-Davis to tell him about an experience he had with the Inland Revenue. Hart-Davis replies saying the anecdote is 'a jewel'.

P233/151 19 January 1989

1p

Letter from Patrick Higgins

He writes to ask Cosgrave for an interview to supplement his research while writing a biography of Sir Herbert Butterfield, Cosgrave's supervisor during his time at Peterhouse, Cambridge.

P233/152 June 1985

2pp

Correspondence with Harry Hinsley

Cosgrave congratulates Hinsley (historian and cryptanalyst) on his knighthood. Hinsley replies with thanks.

P233/153 Not dated

1p

Letter from Peter A. Jenner

Jenner (editor of *NATO Review*) writes from Brussels to send him some copies of his manuscript, and to let Cosgrave know that he has added his name to the list of those who will receive the *NATO Review* when published.

P233/154 19 February 1991

1p

Letter from Simon Kaberry

Thanking Cosgrave for his obituary of his father, Lord Kaberry.

P233/155 June–July 1987

2pp

Correspondence with Professor Hugh Kearney

Cosgrave writes to let Kearney know that he has contributed to the Desmond Williams fund and suggest some other potential donors for Kearney to contact. Kearney replies with thanks.

P233/156 4 June 1984

1p

Letter to Melvin J. Lasky

Cosgrave sends Lasky (editor of *Encounter*) a copy of a pamphlet and asks if Lasky would be interested in him reviewing the situation again.

P233/157 November 1983–December 1998

11p

Correspondence with the Literary and Historical Society of University College Dublin

Various auditors write to Cosgrave regarding events they would like him to attend, and a contribution they would like him to write for the Literary and Historical Society's centenary celebrations.

P233/158 2 April 1987

1p

Letter to Sir Robert Lusty

He apologises for taking so long to reply to Lusty (writer and publisher), and comments on the importance of an author retaining his copyright.

P233/159 30 January 1982

1p

Letter from Charles Lysaght

Thanks Cosgrave for his review of Lysaght's article on Brendan Bracken in *Irish Historical Studies*. He mentions that he too will be a contributor to the Literary and Historical Society's centenary history.

P233/160 13 May 1986

8pp

Postcard and letter from Neasa MacErlean

Postcard sent from county Donegal, where MacErlean says she has been studying and socializing. There is a postscript by her aunt, Ruth Dudley Edwards. There is also an undated letter from MacErlean, with which she encloses copies of interviews she has done with Cecil Parkinson and Harford Robb. She writes that 'they are not the most intimate portrayals of all time, but at least you can see what I am up to these days'.

P233/161 June 1986

2pp

Correspondence with Sue MacGregor

Cosgrave writes to commend the BBC journalist on her coverage of unfolding events in South Africa, noting that he would 'defy anybody' to tell from her conduct that she is herself South African. MacGregor replies with 'warmest and most grateful thanks'.

P233/162 29 January 1988

1p

Letter from David Machin

Previously a managing director of the publishing firms J.M. Dent and The Bodley Head, Machin writes to thank Cosgrave on his well wishes, sent when he left J.M. Dent.

P233/163 2 September 1980

1p

Letter from Robin Mackichan

An invitation to speak to the Dinner and Investment Club on the subject of the Middle East.

P233/164 June 1986

2pp

Correspondence with Professor Jeffrey Meyers

Meyers requests permission to reproduce an article Cosgrave wrote for the *Spectator* in 1977 about the poet Robert Lowell. Cosgrave replies to say that he is flattered, and gives permission.

P233/165 May 1984

2pp

Correspondence with Jordan Miller

Miller writes on behalf of Academy Chicago Publishers to ask if Cosgrave would be interested in having his novels published in the United States, as he had been recommended to them by the novelist Shirley Eskapa. Cosgrave thanks him for his letter and sends on copies of his previous novels for Miller to read.

P233/166 26 November 1984

1p

Letter to Janet Morgan

Having done a radio programme together, Cosgrave writes to commend Morgan's book on Agatha Christie, which he had not been able to read prior to meeting Morgan.

P233/167 7 September 1987

1p

Letter from the National Trust

Sent by the Press and Publicity Secretary, Warren Davis, to invite Cosgrave to lunch.

P233/168 26 October 1987

1p

Letter from the Airey Neave Trust

Hannah Scott writes on behalf of the trust to let Cosgrave know the time and place for interviews for the Airey Neave Scholarship Awards of 1987.

P233/169 28 June 1984

2pp

Letter from Diana Neave

Baroness Airey of Abingdon, and widow of Airey Neave, writes to thank Cosgrave for a dinner party she attended at his home. She compliments the 'civilized conversation'.

P233/170 March 1983–January 1984

3pp

Letters from Stephen Parker

An aspiring Conservative parliamentary candidate writes to Cosgrave informing him of his progress in seeking the approval of the Parliamentary Selection Board.

P233/171 24 August 1998

2pp

Letter to Matthew Parris

Cosgrave sends an anecdote about Ernest Bevin and suggests it could be employed against the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott.

P233/172 13 January 2001

2pp

Postcard from Edward Pearce

Cosgrave's fellow political journalist suggests that Cosgrave contact him with some books he would like to review, and Pearce will speak to his editor, Richard Best, to see if this is possible.

P233/173 February–April 1985

6pp

Letters from the Centre for Policy Studies

Charles Goodson–Wickes (later a Conservative Member of Parliament) send Cosgrave a copy of a press release (included) by the centre to bring him up to date. The Secretary, Virginia Utley, also sends Cosgrave an order form for some publications the centre is bringing out.

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3pp

Letter from Terence Prittie

The author sends Cosgrave a synopsis of his new book about Germany, in case he would like to review it.

P233/175 June–July 1987

4pp

Correspondence relating to the 'Quote... Unquote' radio programme

Cosgrave is invited to appear on the BBC Radio 4 panel game by producer Harry Thompson, and later sent details on what he should inform himself of to prepare for the show. There is a page of Cosgrave's handwritten notes, and a letter of thanks for appearing,

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from another producer, Jo Bunting.

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October–November 1988

2pp

Correspondence with Bryan Rourke

Rourke is writing a series of articles on famous Irish Londoners for *Ireland's Own*, and asks Cosgrave to send him a curriculum vitae to assist with the piece on him. Cosgrave does so, and supplies some additional details about his forthcoming book on Enoch Powell.

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13 February 1982

1p

Letter from Sir James Scott-Hopkins

The Member of the European Parliament for Hereford and Worcester and West Gloucestershire writes to thank Cosgrave for a note he sent after Hopkins lost his position as British Conservative Leader in the European Parliament. He handwrites an addition, saying how helpful Shirley Cosgrave has been to him in the last few weeks.

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11 April 1984

1p

Letter from Roger Scruton

The conservative philosopher thanks Cosgrave for his 'most kind remarks' on his piece in *The Times* about race hatred.

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7 February 1985

1p

Letter to Marjorie Seldon

Cosgrave writes to the wife of Arthur Seldon (president of the Institute of Economic Affairs) to thank her for a postcard she had sent. He mentions he has been delayed in thanking her due to his finishing his books on Margaret Thatcher and Peter Carrington.

P233/180 April–July 1985

7pp

Correspondence relating to Harold Serebro

Basil Wunsch, whom Cosgrave had met on a trip to South Africa in 1982, writes to ask if he would have any advice for a friend of his, Harold Serebro, who is trying to internationally publish a book he has written. Wunsch later sends a further letter and telegram, and Cosgrave replies to Serebro's original publisher Earl Moorhouse offering some advice, to which Moorhouse replies with thanks.

P233/181 25 February 1985

1p

Letter from Brendon Sewill

The economist and fellow former member of the Conservative Research Department expresses his delight at Cosgrave's decision to write a book on Enoch Powell. He reminds Cosgrave that he said he would look at a book Sewill had written, which he encloses

P233/182 June 1985

7pp

Correspondence relating to Yitzhak Shamir article

Three letters sent to Cosgrave after the publication in *The Times* of an article about Israeli Prime Minister Shamir (at that time between terms of office). Professor Edward Ullendorff writes to condemn the piece as he sees Shamir as a 'vicious terrorist', while Bernard Leser (Condé Nast managing director) commends the article. There is also a handwritten letter from a Lisa Watters praising the piece and asking how best to conduct interviews, to which Cosgrave replies with some advice.

P233/183 November 1997–July 1998

2pp

Letters from Speakers for Business

A company which arranges speakers for corporate events invites Cosgrave to register with them. The later letter is an alert that they have moved offices.

P233/184 September 1984–May 1985

5pp

Correspondence with Paul Spicer

Spicer was a director of Lonrho, a company which owned the *Observer* throughout the 1980s. Cosgrave writes to him to complain about the newspaper's columnist Alan Watkins, whom Cosgrave sees as being 'bloody lazy' in his writing. Spicer thanks him. Cosgrave writes again (28 May 1985) regarding an article he has been commissioned to write on Africa. Spicer replies to say he will arrange a meeting between Cosgrave and Roland 'Tiny' Rowland, chairman of Lonrho.

P233/185 November–December 1984

3pp

Letter to Martin Stevens

Letters of protest written to his local Member of Parliament and council after Cosgrave was informed that the trees on his street might be removed.

P233/186 22 October

1p

Letter to the *Daily Telegraph*

Commending the newspaper on its article about abortion by Charles Moore. Only the first page of the letter is included.

P233/187 November 1984–March 1985

5pp

Correspondence with the United States Industrial Council Educational Foundation

Cosgrave enquires as to whether the foundation would be interested in his services as a lecturer, enclosing cuttings of his writings. The president of the foundation, Anthony Harrigan, arranges to meet Cosgrave in London, but several months afterwards lets him know that they will not be able to organize a lecture tour for him.

P233/188 August–September 1986

2pp

Correspondence with Professor John Vincent

The historian writes to let Cosgrave know that in a piece he has just written on Margaret Thatcher, he found himself ‘grossly plagiarizing your words, your judgments, your analysis’. Cosgrave replies to say he is honoured at his work being found useful.

P233/189 February 1984–July 1985

9pp

Correspondence with Spencer Warren

Warren (member of the Republican Research Committee) and Cosgrave correspond on political matters, including Warren’s involvement in the 1984 presidential campaign, and his job as a State Department official after Ronald Reagan’s election. Warren also advises Cosgrave to contact the United States Industrial Council Educational Fund to ask for sponsorship for a lecture tour.

P233/190 January–April 1995

4pp

Correspondence with Wanqiang Wang

Wang, a Ph.D. student from Nanjing University writing his thesis on the Margaret Thatcher era of Conservative politics, contacts Cosgrave to request some information from him, and to ask if he could donate a copy of his Enoch Powell book to him. Cosgrave does so. Wang thanks him for this and suggests he may be able to translate and publish Cosgrave’s new book in China, if he can raise a publishing subsidy.

P233/191 1 August 1985

1p

Letter from Alan Watkins

The *Observer* political columnist thanks Cosgrave for his letter and suggests meeting up when the new season opens.

P233/192 August 1985–June 1986

7pp

Correspondence with Christopher Webb

Webb (publicist) confirms that Cosgrave will speak at a luncheon for one of their clients, PHH Limited. Cosgrave contacts Webb the following year to confirm his continuing availability for such engagements. Webb replies that while Cosgrave has not been requested, Webb will recommend him at any opportunity. He also asks Cosgrave for his opinion on being asked to publicise a biography of Ian Paisley. Cosgrave urges Webb to consider some outlined points when looking at the manuscript, lest he 'get involved in the quagmire of Irish politics'.

P233/193 26 September 1983

2pp

Correspondence with *Who's Who*

Confirming his personal details for his entry in the 1984 edition.

P233/194 14 March 1985

1p

Letter to David Williams

Congratulating the author on his latest novel featuring the character Mark Treasure.

P233/195 14 February 1987

2pp

Letter from Sir Wilfred Wooler

The journalist and former cricketer congratulates Cosgrave on an article he had written for *The Times*.

P233/196 February–March 1987

4pp

Correspondence with Margaret Yorke

Cosgrave congratulates the crime fiction author on her latest book, to which she replies with thanks and good wishes for his Enoch Powell book. She writes again to let him know that Harry Keating has given

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contd

up his column in the *Daily Telegraph*, in case he should want to get back into reviewing crime books.

3. ISRAEL

3.1 *Open Door* television programme

P233/197 1976

11p

The Right to Return

Telex report of the programme made for the *Open Door* BBC 2 television series about the plight of the Palestinians since the creation of Israel in 1948. This programme prompted the making of the 'To Live in Peace' edition of the same series, in which Cosgrave and director Irene Shubik put forth the opposing Jewish viewpoint.

P233/198 February–March 1977

12 items

Production material for 'To Live in Peace'

Running orders, scripts, schedules, and typed and handwritten notes used in the making of the programme.

P233/199 February–March 1977

8pp

Letters regarding 'To Live in Peace'

Letters written in reaction to the broadcast of the *Open Door* programme. Mainly congratulatory, correspondents include Barbara Oberman, Sidney L. Shipton and Eric Moonman, both of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, and Lord Fisher of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. There is also a note from Princess Elizabeth Galitzine, who invites Cosgrave to dine with her the evening the programme airs.

3.2 Articles, speeches and lectures

3.2.1 By Patrick Cosgrave

P233/200 31 January 1977

23pp

Speech to Belsize Square Synagogue

Speech given by Cosgrave in which he disagrees with what he sees as assumptions made by the west about Israel, and discusses its future challenges. A note is included from Ray Lightman apologising for taking so long to return this speech to him.

P233/201 9 March 1977

1p

Lecture to Ilford B'nai Brith

An invitation to hear Cosgrave deliver the annual lecture at Mark Lewis Hall in Ilford. A short biography of Cosgrave is included. The lecture itself is not.

P233/202 13 August 1981

18pp

Talk given to the Heritage Foundation

Transcription of a talk delivered by Cosgrave to the American conservative think tank in Washington D.C. about Western attitudes to Israel and the Middle East.

P233/203 Not dated

6pp

Israeli Thoughts from Abroad

Article about Western opinion on Israeli politics and policies.

P233/204 Not dated

2pp

Jerusalem

Article discussing Cosgrave's perception of the Arab world's focus on

P233/204 reclaiming Jerusalem.
contd

P233/205 1980

8pp

British policy on the Palestine Liberation Organisation

Article written for the *Jewish Chronicle* discussing British policy towards the former terrorist organization, and whether it is influenced by Western oil needs.

P233/206 Not dated

12pp

Samaritans

Article regarding the Samaritan people's situation in Israel. Nine pages of handwritten notes are included.

P233/207 20 April 1977

1p

Speech to the North Finchley Zionist Society

Timetable of events at a Yom Ha'atzmaut (independence day) celebration at which Cosgrave delivered a speech.

3.2.2 By others

P233/208 June 1976

6pp

Speech by Alice Ivy Hay

Given at the International Council of Christians and Jews conference in Jerusalem. The copy is signed by Hay.

P233/209 Not dated

5pp

Article by Barbara Oberman

About the Holy Land in the Old Testament. Cosgrave has handwritten a page of notes about the piece.

3.3 Correspondence

P233/210 January–December 1976

19pp

Correspondence relating to Jewish and Israeli matters

Correspondents include Marcus Sieff (businessman and leading British Zionist) and Terence Prittie (journalist). Cosgrave also sends an article about the decline in Western sympathy for Israel's political situation to Edward Pearce (political journalist).

P233/211 January–May 1977

35pp

Correspondence relating to Jewish and Israeli matters

Correspondents include Peter Tapsell (Member of Parliament), Frank E. Falk (chairman of the Israel Cultural Committee), Lily Sieff (wife of Marcus), Yisrael Medad (Israeli journalist), Barbara Oberman, and Lady Diana Richmond.

P233/212 June–September 1977

22pp

Correspondence relating to Jewish and Israeli matters

Correspondents include Michael Fidler (of Conservative Friends of Israel), Pnina Herzog (sister in law of Chaim Herzog), Shmuel Katz (Israeli writer and historian), and the Israeli Ambassador.

P233/213 June 1981–November 1986

22pp

Correspondence relating to Jewish and Israeli matters

Correspondents include Pnina Herzog (now Director of External Relations in the Israeli Ministry of Health), Robert Rhodes James (Member of Parliament), and Sidney L. Shipton (now director of the Jewish National Fund), Dan Bavly (journalist), Marcus Sieff and Shlomo Argov, Israeli ambassador to Britain.

P233/214 January–October 1987

19pp

Correspondence relating to Jewish and Israeli matters

Correspondents include Pnina Herzog and Sir Sigmund Sternberg (philanthropist and businessman). Several letters reacting to an article by Cosgrave ('In Pursuit of Vengeance') which appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* are included.

P233/215 January 1988–August 1996

19pp

Correspondence relating to Jewish and Israeli matters

Correspondents include Yehuda Avner, Ambassador of Israel, and his successor, Yoav Biran, Ernest Velden (businessman), Dan Bavly, George Garai and Lily Sieff. A note is attached to Sieff's card, from Cosgrave to his wife. He writes 'this is my personal Israel file' and says she might like to look through it out of interest.

P233/216 January 1996

13pp

Correspondence relating to *Israel at Fifty*

Cosgrave wishes to write a book on the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the state of Israel. A rejection letter from Tom Weldon at Heinemann Mandarin publishers and a note from Cosgrave's agent Mike Shaw are attached, as is a draft outline and notes for the book

4. ORT

4.1 Articles and correspondence

P233/217 September 1977–August 1981

28pp

ORT

Material relating to Cosgrave's participation in ORT. A letter from Mark Morton wishing him well after his heart attack, two articles written by Cosgrave about the organization and some handwritten notes planning for these.

4.2 South Africa trip

P233/218 July 1981–October 1982

14pp

Correspondence relating to ORT trip to South Africa

Cosgrave is invited to speak at the ORT South Africa biennial national conference by the chairman Basil Wunsch. Correspondence between Cosgrave and Vera Massey, the organisation's public relations officer arranging the details of the trip, and correspondence between Massey and the *Sunday Times* is included, as she tries to publicise Cosgrave's trip.

P233/219 [cNovember] 1982

22pp

Speech to ORT conference in South Africa

Copy of Cosgrave's speech on the past, present and future of ORT. This item includes thirteen pages of handwritten notes of preparation for the speech.

P233/220 November 1982

9pp, 1 leaflet

Travel arrangements for trip to South Africa

Flight details, hotel reservations and itinerary as sent to Cosgrave by ORT, and an invitation leaflet to the speech.

5. CURTIS BROWN

5.1 Correspondence

P233/221 March 1982–June 1983

9pp

Letters from Mike Shaw

Relating to the handling of Cosgrave's reviews for the *Daily Telegraph*, and potential projects such as a crime series for publisher George Weidenfeld and a book to be entitled *The Crisis of Britain*. Also included is copy of a writ of summons issued against Cosgrave, Sir Albert Lamb and Express Newspapers by Roger Spiller. Spiller is suing Cosgrave for libel for insinuating that he is a member of the International Socialists, a revolutionary group.

P233/222 July–December 1983

24pp

Correspondence between Mike Shaw and Patrick Cosgrave

Relating mainly to ideas Cosgrave has for writing projects. He gives a list of both fiction and non-fiction ideas he would like to pursue, and Shaw replies with feedback.

P233/223 March–December 1984

24pp

Correspondence between Mike Shaw and Patrick Cosgrave

Relating mainly to the books he is writing on Margaret Thatcher and Peter Carrington.

P233/224 April–July 1985

34pp

Correspondence between Mike Shaw and Patrick Cosgrave

The launch of Cosgrave's book on Margaret Thatcher and its reviews are discussed. The writing of a second volume on Churchill is mooted by Roger Schlesinger of Collins Publishers as they have an outstanding contract for this book.

P233/225 August–December 1985

21p

Correspondence between Mike Shaw and Patrick Cosgrave

Relating mainly to the resolution of the outstanding contract for another volume on Churchill held by Collins Publishers. It is eventually agreed that Cosgrave will write the volume for them. Other correspondence relates to a book Cosgrave would like to write on Sir Edward Grey and the Balkans, which Shaw is unable to place with a publishing house.

P233/226 January–June 1986

29pp

Correspondence between Mike Shaw and Patrick Cosgrave

Cosgrave is interested in publishing some of his short stories, to which Shaw replies that he does not see this as a possibility. They also discuss plans for the Churchill book, and the progress of Cosgrave's research for his book on Enoch Powell. Cosgrave asks Shaw to request additional funding from The Bodley Head to hire some assistance in his indexing of Powell's papers, which they refuse, but offer to make available at an earlier stage some of his advance in order to fund this.

P233/227 July–December 1986

23pp

Correspondence between Mike Shaw and Patrick Cosgrave

Mainly relating to the negotiation of Canadian rights to his forthcoming book on Churchill, which they sell to Methuen publishing house.

P233/228 January–December 1987

13pp

Correspondence between Mike Shaw and Patrick Cosgrave

Shaw enquires as to how Cosgrave's meeting with Bryan Forbes (actor) about Cosgrave's play *Court of Enquiry* went. The remainder of the correspondence deals mainly with the finalization of the delivery date for the Enoch Powell book.

P233/229 January 1988–December 1989

19pp

Correspondence between Mike Shaw and Patrick Cosgrave

Relating mainly to a travel piece Cosgrave is to write for the *Sunday Times* supplement on Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Shaw commiserates with Cosgrave on his debilitating skin condition, but congratulates him on completing the Enoch Powell book, and the publication of the book is discussed.

P233/230 August 1990–December 1992

13pp

Correspondence between Mike Shaw and Patrick Cosgrave

Cosgrave sends completed copies of the book on politics, now titled *The Strange Death of Socialist Britain*, to Shaw to send on to Ben Glazebrook. The Taplinger publishing company also formally confirms to Curtis Brown that they are reverting the rights to Cosgrave's book on the poet Robert Lowell.

P233/231 March–December 1992

12pp

Correspondence between Mike Shaw and Patrick Cosgrave

Relating to Dent publishers reverting the rights of the Peter Carrington book back to Cosgrave, and the cancellation of the Churchill contract with Methuen, who are requesting their £5,000 advance to be returned. Cosgrave also sends Shaw a list of six ideas he has for novels, and asks his opinion of them.

P233/232 March–August 1993

8pp

Letters from Mike Shaw

Relating mainly to what Shaw refers to as 'the Methuen/Churchill problem'. The contracts department of Reed Consumer Books (parent company of Methuen) sends several reminders to Shaw that they need Cosgrave to sign a copy of the cancellation agreement.

P233/233 January–April 1996

12pp

Correspondence between Mike Shaw and Patrick Cosgrave

Cosgrave writes to inform Shaw of a book he would like to write about the state of Israel since its foundation, and which he would like to publish on the fiftieth anniversary of that foundation. He also asks Shaw if he can grant Chinese translation rights to Wanqiang Wang free of charge, which Shaw thinks should not be a problem.

P233/234 January–December 1997

12pp

Correspondence between Mike Shaw and Patrick Cosgrave

Discussing potential writing projects, including a new volume on Churchill, biographies of Edward Carson and Airey Neave, and the book about Cosgrave's father.

P233/235 January–November 1998

16pp

Correspondence between Mike Shaw and Patrick Cosgrave

Jane Barlow, contract manager of Random House, writes to inform Shaw that they have never received back their £5,000 advance for the Churchill book. Shaw and Cosgrave also discuss ideas for the new book on Churchill that Cosgrave plans to write.

P233/236 July 2002–January 2003

2pp

Letters from Mike Shaw to Shirley Cosgrave

Informing her that Camilla Hornby of Curtis Brown will now be looking after Patrick Cosgrave's affairs, and letting her know of his retirement.

5.2 Contracts

P233/237 August 1983–November 1986

7 items

Contracts with publishing companies

Contracts for *Mrs Thatcher's First Term*, *Adventure of State*, *Lord Carrington*, *Enoch Powell*, *From Triumph to Division*, and *Churchill*.

5.3 Royalty statements

P233/238 February 1982–March 1995

12 items

Royalty statements

Forwarded by Lorraine Campbell of the Carol Smith Literary Agency and later by the Curtis Brown agency, royalty statements from various publishers.