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SUBJECT: DOLLAR CONVENTION AT EASTBOURNE

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- I. G.V. Interior of convention.
2. S.V. Delegates applauding.
3. L.V. Ditto.
4. L.V. Towards delegates arriving.
5. C.U. Mayor of Eastbourne *Ala. R.J.S. Craft* and another on platform.
6. S.V. Delegates arriving.
7. G.V. Eastbourne station.
8. C.U. Dollar sign.
9. S.V. Convention poster.
10. C.U. Type.
11. L.V. Delegates. (2 shots).
12. C.U. Signposts.
13. G.V. Eastbourne.
14. C.U. Harold Wilson on platform.
15. L.V. Hugh Gaitskell speaking:  
'Now I'm going to start by saying something very obvious and yet very important. We are not at war. If we were at war no doubt we should have to disregard everything that wasn't of essential importance to the lives of our people and the prosecution of the war. We should certainly be driven to curtail home investments severely, to cut down drastically building and the supply of machinery for civilian purposes. We should very probably, Mr. Chairman, if we were at war be thinking of having to reduce our exports pretty far and I think we should be looking round for a system to enable us to buy essential imports.'
16. C.U. But it's worth remembering in that connection that even in 1940, indeed from the beginning of the war until the arrival of lease-lend, even during the battle of Britain itself.

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*Gaitskell, Hugh*  
*Hanner, Sir Patrick*

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with the fighters fighting in the air and the bombs dropping, we here were engaged then upon an intensive export drive to bring in every pounds worth of dollars or any other currency we could to pay for our essential imports. Well sir, thank God, we are not back in 1940. How much more then is it obvious we cannot now, because of our peace-time defence programme, despite our peace-time defence programme proceed to neglect our exports and assume that somehow or other somebody else is going to find the wherewithal for us to pay for our imports.

17. C.U.

..... as well as exports and home investments and we recognise therefore. We must all of us I think face the fact that there must be some falling off in exports from this group as a whole as well of course as some serious repercussions on supplies for the home market. I think we're also going to have some decline in exports of raw materials and semi-manufactured products for the most part reason that where you have a shortage, unless exports of the raw materials and the 'semis' in question are curtailed we shall simply not be able to maintain industrial output at home. Now that's a subject I shall say a little more about later on because I know that many of you have been particularly concerned.

18. L.V.

.....to revolt against it. They're within the limits set by these considerations which I have thought it wise to set out quite plainly. You may be sure that we shall do all in our power to assist you in your great and important task. I've made it plain I think that in your factories and businesses and in this convention here, you're concerned with the fulfilment of an absolutely vital objective of national policy. You're faced, I've spoken of them, with many difficulties of a most intractable, frustrating and anxious kind. But I hope you'll be encouraged by the thought, which I here and now confirm and emphasise to you, that in the opinion of the government and the country your ventures and your efforts represent one of our greatest hopes in riding the present rough economic waters and coming safe home to more stable and less difficult times.'

19. L.V.

Sir Patrick Hannen standing at mikes.

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GAITSKELL ON DOLLAR DRIVE CONVENTION

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| 1.  | G.V.   | Eastbourne.  | 6  | Rud. |
| 2.  | S.V.   | Delegates train arriving at Eastbourne, pan to waiting coaches.  | 6  | "    |
| 3.  | S.V.   | Delegates leaving train.   | 5  | "    |
| 4.  | S.C.U. | Delegates walking along platform pan down to porter carrying luggage.  | 10 | 2    |
| 5.  | S.V.   | Delegates walking along platform with luggage.   | 5  | "    |
| 6.  | S.C.U. | AA sign pointing to Winter Garden and Convention.  | 3  | "    |
| 7.  | L.V.   | Winter Garden.   | 3  | "    |
| 8.  | G.V.   | Assembled delegates inside.  | 5  | 3    |
| 9.  | S.C.U. | Mr. Gaitskell (left) and Mr. Harold Wilson.  | 5  | "    |
| 10. | G.V.   | Gaitskell getting up and walking to microphone.  | II | Jor. |
| 12. | L.V.   | Audience.  | 3  | Rud. |
| 13. |        | Gaitskell speaking:<br>'The job of the Chancellor of the Exchequer is subject to seasonal influences. Generally speaking up to the Budget people welcome you. What happens after that is another matter.'  | 30 | Jor. |
| 14. |        | <u>Speech continues:</u><br>'I cannot emphasise too strongly what no doubt seems obvious enough to most of us, that exports are the life of Britain and that without them we cannot continue our present economy, dependent as we are on our imports of raw materials and food for our very livelihood and the maintenance of our industry'. | 39 | Jor. |

*Gaitskell, Mr. Hugh*  
*Wilson, Mr. Harold*

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16.	S.V.	Delegate listening.	4	"
17.	G.V.	Pan ditto.	5	"
18.	C.U.	Gaitskell speaking.	3	Jor.
19.	S.V.	Audience applauding.	3	Rud.
20.	L.V.	Gaitskell sitting down amid applause.		

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