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Dear Friend of the LSE:

We have already heard from one of our eight 1981-82 AFLSE scholarship winners that "all is going well" in London. Steven Payson has sent in a report about his courses, housing, and general reaction to London and the School.

The AFLSE Scholarship Committee considered twenty-seven applications last spring. The quality of all was extremely high, according to Committee Chairman Hans Landsberg, but eventually eight tuition awards of \$2500 each were made.

In addition to Mr. Payson, who received his B.A. from Wesleyan University in 1979, and is now studying for his Ph.D. in Economics, those selected were:

Richard J. Banta, B.A. University of Michigan '69, J.D. George Washington University '72, and Assistant District Attorney of Samoa at the time of his application to AFLSE. Mr. Banta will study for his LL.M. at LSE.

Kyle E. Brown, B.A. Case Western Reserve '81. LSE degree: M.Sc. Social Anthropology

Candice Foss, B.A. University of Wisconsin '78, N.Y.U. Law School. LSE degree: M.Sc. International Relations

Perry Mehrling, B.A. Harvard '81. LSE degree: M.Sc. Econometrics

Laura Merrill, B.A. Colorado College '80. LSE degree: M.Sc. History of Political Thought

Scott O'Toole, A.B. Stanford '78, LL.B. Davis (California). LSE degree: M.A. Economic History

Christopher Stoddart, B.A. Yale '78, M.B.A. Chicago '81. LSE degree: Ph.D. Economics

Your response to the 1980s Fund Appeal enabled us to award a far larger sum this year than we have ever been able to manage before--over three times as much, in fact. Fees for overseas students are expected to go even higher than the L2700 they have now reached, and the Scholarship Committee is already flooded with requests for next year. So your continued support of the Appeal is vital. At the present time, AFLSE has reached \$122,000 of our goal of \$200,000.

## AFLSE CHAPTER ACTIVITY

The Washington, D.C. Chapter has been very active with a new Program Committee under the direction of Dona Bardelli. LSE Senior Tutor and demographer Dr. Jim Potter spoke on "Thirty Years of America Watching" at a luncheon for AFLSE members in June, shortly before he returned to London after months of extremely hard work recruiting on countless college campuses throughout the United States. In July, thirty-six AFLSE members refreshed themselves at a pool party hosted by Judith Klein at the Bretton Woods Recreation Center. The British Embassy Players provided a block of tickets to their lively and funny fall production, "Off The Hook", in October. Joe Glazer, former USIA labor specialist and folksinger, gave a concert of songs of special interest to LSE alumni, many of them his original works, at the Capital Yacht Club in November. His Excellency K. R. Narayanan, the Indian Ambassador to the United States and distinguished Honorary Fellow of the LSE, is scheduled to speak on Indo-U.S. relations at a luncheon meeting in January at the Black Horse Tavern. We are working with the office of AFLSE Board member Senator John Tower of Texas on a special evening talk on Capitol Hill in early 1982.

The AFLSE Boston Chapter is continuing its tradition of two annual Sunday afternoon receptions. On May 17, on the 43rd floor of the Hancock Tower, a raffle was held for the Fund Appeal, with the generous donation of four items from the Boston store "Naturally British". On December 6, British diplomat George Walden, principal private secretary to Lord Carrington, will speak on British foreign policy at Philips Brooks House, Harvard University. Walden is on sabbatical at the Harvard Center for International Affairs. Steve Davis, who served energetically as Boston Chapter President for a long time, has just moved to Connecticut. John Natoli is now chapter President. Fortunately both men now serve on the AFLSE national Board of Directors.

Los Angeles Board member Dr. Beryl Geber hosted a party attended by thirty-five LSE alumni in the Los Angeles area, for Dr. Robert Orr, Dean of the LSE Graduate School, during his latest recruiting drive in the U.S. Dr. Geber, former member of the LSE faculty, has been appointed LSE Admissions Adviser on the West Coast. Her particular focus will be on recruitment for Junior Year Abroad and Master's degree candidates. Suggestions of personal contacts you might have at colleges or universities where LSE might not be well known would be useful. Write her at the AFLSE office in Washington.

On November 16, in New York, new AFLSE Board member Steven Scheuer hosted a small dinner at which plans for a more active New York AFLSE Chapter were discussed. Elizabeth Brownstein and Winthrop Brown attended from Washington to advise the group on other AFLSE chapter activity around the country. Sir Huw Wheldon, Chairman of the LSE Court of Governors, paid a surprise visit and welcomed the group with gusto.

## AFLSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board now has solid representation from cities with our largest concentrations of alumni: San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, New

York, Boston, Washington and the Delaware Valley. At its fall meeting in Washington, Dr. Geber, Dr. Marion Ross, Daniel Weil and Steven Scheuer were welcomed as new members from LA, San Francisco, Chicago and New York, respectively. Our next Board meeting is scheduled for March 8 in Washington. Eight new members will be elected then and we would be interested in your suggestions for those vacancies. We would welcome Board representation from other areas of the country.

#### MEMBERSHIP

We now have well over four hundred dues-paying members, the highest in our recorded history. But we are still a long way from our goal of 25% membership, and the Board is considering ways to increase the total from its current 15% level. We'd like your ideas.

#### DIRECTOR'S U.S. ACTIVITIES

Professor Dahrendorf made a brief visit to the United States in mid-October. Elizabeth Brownstein represented the AFLSE at a small dinner at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, at which the Director was the speaker. His talk on "The Waning of the State and the Rise of Self-Reliance in Europe" was provocative and stimulating. The following day, Professor Dahrendorf spoke at New York University's Sesquicentennial on "Europe: Its Fears of Americans and Hopes for the Future". By now, you have all received his latest report on the LSE, and we have some copies of his April 1981 Suntory lecture at the School on "Why Britain Has 'Failed'." Write for a copy if you are interested.

#### AFLSE CALENDAR--ALUMNUS OFFICE MATTERS

The Alumnus Office reports that the LSE School Calendar should now be available on microfiche in all American universities and post-secondary institutions. It lists first degree courses and prizes, scholarships, recent staff publications, officers, committees and much more in its five hundred pages.

The Alumnus Office, by the way, is the logical contact at LSE for those of you fortunate enough to get to London. Ms. Ambrosine Hurt is in charge of alumnus affairs around the world, and despite her enormous responsibilities, is always ready to respond cheerfully to inquiries. As you know, there are special privileges at LSE for dues-paying members, and in my next letter to you, I'll outline those, and other perquisites which membership brings.

While you are in London, you might want to visit the Students' Union Shop, where a long list of LSE souvenirs is available (too long to itemize here, but if you are tempted by scarves, ties, goblets and other things with the LSE colors or crest, be sure to drop by).

RECENT GRADUATES

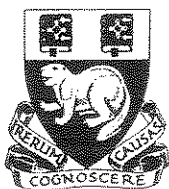
We are particularly anxious to develop a roster of recent graduates willing to talk to potential applicants about housing, courses and other things which only recent graduates can provide with accuracy. If you feel you have a good sense of what LSE has to offer, it doesn't really matter what your own studies were or at what level. We would like to refer inquiries to you.

Our new office in Washington is very busy with mail, phone calls and visits from interested alumni and future students. We are delighted by your support and enthusiasm, and look forward to hearing from more of you in 1982.

Sincerely,

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