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SCENE 5: ARNOLD MEETS HUMPHREY AGAIN

A.R. Your chap had quite a little publicity triumph down at Thames Marsh, didn't he?

H.A. Oh, yes, tremendous.

A.R. You don't sound appropriately happy for him, Humpy.

H.A. Well, the trouble is he thinks he has achieved something.

A.R. Splendid. Life is so much easier, when ministers think they have achieved something. They stop fretting. No little temper tantrums.

H.A. Yes, but now he will want to introduce his next idea.

A.R. A Minister with two ideas. I can't remember when we last had one of those.

H.A. Oh, it's not his own. He wants to introduce pre-set failure standards for all council projects over 10,000 pounds, and (stress) make a named official responsible.

A.R. Humphrey!!

H.A. I know, I know.

A.R. It's that idiot scheme of Cartwright's again. I thought that Gordon had squashed it.

A.R. El teu milhomes va obtenir un petit triomf publicitari a Thames Marsh, no?

H.A. Ah sí, fantàstic.

A.R. No sembla pas que et faci gaire feliç això.

H.A. El problema és que es pensa que ha aconseguit alguna cosa.

A.R. Magnífic. La vida és molt més fàcil quan els ministres es pensen que han aconseguit alguna cosa. Ja no s'hi amoïnen, i s'estalvien enrabiades.

H.A. Sí, però és que ara pretén posar en pràctica una altra idea.

A.R. Un Ministre amb dues idees. No recordo qui va ser l'últim que vam tenir.

H.A. Ah, no és pas idea seva. Vol exigir normes d'execució en tots els contractes municipals de més de deu mil lliures i designar un funcionari responsable de cada projecte.

A.R. Humphrey!!

H.A. Ja ho sé, ja ho sé.

A.R. És aquell projecte idiota d'en Cartwright. Que no l'havia liquidat en Gordon?

H.A Well, he's come over to us now. He slipped it to the Minister privately, under plain cover. Brown envelope job.

A.R. You realize it could be us next. I mean once you specify in advance what a project is supposed to achieve and whose responsibility it is to see that it does, well, the entire system collapses. You're into the whole squalid world of professional management.

H.A. I know. I have tried to explain to him. I tried to point out to him that his new responsibilities were for enjoying, not for exercising. But I don't know

...

A.R. We already move our officials around every two or three years to stop this personal responsibility nonsense. If this happened, we would be posting everybody once a fortnight. He must be stopped. What's his next little publicity trick?

H.A. Well, tomorrow he is living his little triumph all over again. He'll be recording a TV interview with Ludovic Kennedy. Documentary on Civil Defence.

H.A. Doncs, ara està amb nosaltres i ha passat el projecte al Ministre directament, en privat, de sotamà, m'entén?

A.R. Després ens tocarà a nosaltres. Si comences a concretar per endavant els resultats d'un projecte, i qui té la responsabilitat de comprovar que funciona, doncs s'esfondra tot el sistema. És el món absolutament miserable de l'administració professional.

H.A. Ja ho sé. Li he intentat explicar, sap? He intentat fer-li veure que les noves atribucions eren perquè es divertís, no perquè s'hi capfigués, però no...

A.R. Ja traslladem els funcionaris cada dos o tres anys per evitar aquesta bestiesa de la responsabilitat personal. Si se'n sortís els hauríem de traslladar cada quinze dies. L'hem de frenar. Quina és la pròxima excursioneta publicitària?

H.A. Bé, demà té intenció de reviure la seva petita victòria. Gravarà una entrevista a la televisió amb el Ludovic Kennedy, per a un documental de protecció civil.

A.R. Supposing he had a dossier on the curious ways in which local councillors spend their Civil Defence budgets.

H.A. How would that help?

A.R. I have an idea.

H.A. Well, perhaps you ought to become a Minister! ... just a joke, Arnold.

END OF SCENE 5.

A.R. Suposa que tingués un informe sobre les maneres tan curioses de gastar el pressupost de Protecció Civil que tenen els ajuntaments.

H.A. De què serviria?

A.R. Tinc una idea.

H.A. Doncs t'hauríem de fer Ministre. ha ha... és una broma.

SCENE 6: THE BBC TELEVISION INTERVIEW

Technician: Standby studio! We're about to record!

J.H. It's a nice change Mr Kennedy, for a Minister to be given a chance to talk about something that's a success. Most unusual for the BBC. Is it a change of policy?

Tech: Five, four, three, two, one.

L.K. Minister, you've been claiming recently that in your dealings with local authorities you've been making some progress as regards Civil Defence. But surely this has been more in the field of publicity than any real achievement?

J.H. No, no, no, Ludo. I believe that local authorities are being made to face up to these issues because of the extra interest that we have generated.

L.K. Well you are agreeing that your success has been a publicity success.

J.H. Well, if want to put it that way: yes. But things are changing.

L.K. Well, what about Thames Marsh?

Tècnic: Atenció estudi!
Estem a punt de gravar!

J.H. És una novetat senyor Kennedy que un Ministre tingui l'oportunitat de parlar d'una cosa que és un èxit. Encara més si és a la BBC. Que és una tècnica nova?

Tècnic: Cinc, quatre, tres, dos, u.

L.K. Ministre, últimament ha repetit que en les seves relacions amb les autoritats locals s'ha progressat en qüestions de protecció civil. Però, no ha estat més una qüestió publicitària que no pas una millora tangible?

J.H. No, no, no, no, Ludo, les autoritats comencen a afrontar aquests problemes gràcies a l'interès extraordinari que hem generat des del govern.

L.K. Per tant està d'acord que el seu triomf ha estat un triomf publicitari.

J.H. Si vol dir-ho així, sí, però les coses estan canviant.

L.K. I què va passar amb Thames Marsh?¹ ()

¹ Look at the verb tense! maybe, 'I què em pot dir de Thames Marsh?'

J.H. Ah. Thames Marsh. Good example. As I have said to the press, they have got one fall-out shelter. And a place has been reserved in it for Mr Ben Stanley, the leader of the council, who refuses to build shelters for others! Don't you think that is rather hypocritical?

L.K. Surely Minister, it is reasonable to expect that one of our elected representatives should have a chance of survival? Who is to govern otherwise?

J.H. In the event of a nuclear holocaust, and of course we all hope and pray that such a thing will never happen, there are, perhaps, more important people than mere politicians - doctors, nurses, ambulancemen, all the people who run essential services.

L.K. Correct me if I am wrong, Minister, but, is it not a fact that the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary have places reserved for them in a government fall-out shelters?

J.H. ... That is completely different.

L.K. How?

J.H. Well, there has to be someone to, run the ... you know.

J.H. Ah, Thames Marsh, un bon exemple. Com ja he declarat a la premsa, només ni ha un refugi nuclear i hi ha un lloc reservat per al senyor Ben Stanley, el cap del consistori que es nega a construir refugis per als altres. No creu que això és més aviat hipòcrita?

L.K. No obstant, Ministre, és lògic pensar que un dels nostres representants democràtics hauria de tenir l'oportunitat de sobreviure. Perquè, si no, qui governaria?

J.H. En el cas que hi hagués una guerra nuclear, que naturalment tots esperem i desitgem que no es produeixi, potser hi ha gent més important que els polítics, com ara per exemple, metges, infermeres, bombers, etc. Tots els que s'encarreguen dels serveis essencials.

L.K. Corregeix-me si m'equivooco, però no és veritat que el Primer Ministre, i el Ministre de l'Interior tenen un lloc reservat en els refugis nuclears del Govern?

J.H. ... Això no hi té res a veure.

L.K. Com?

J.H. Bé, per què, bé, hi ha d'haver algú per, mm, governar... el...

L.K. As I understand it, you are saying that political leaders should give up their places to doctors and nurses? Well, now, have you put this idea to the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary?

J.H. I think we must be careful not to trivialise a very important issue, Ludovic. To give another example, I have just been told of a borough which sent a group of councillors at the ratepayers' expense to California to look at fall-out shelters. And when they got back they couldn't do anything about it because they had spent the entire Civil Defence budget for three years on the trip.

L.K. How shocking!

J.H. Shocking.

END OF SCENE 6.

L.K. Perdoni si l'he entès bé, diu que els líders polítics haurien de cedir els seus llocs als metges i a les infermeres. Per tant, ha exposat aquesta idea al Primer Ministre i al Ministre de l'Interior?

J.H. Crec que s'ha d'anar molt en compte de no caure en la temptació de banalitzar un problema tan greu, eh, Ludovic. Per posar un altre exemple, m'acaban de parlar d'un ajuntament, que va enviar amb diners dels contribuents, un grup de regidors a Califòrnia a visitar refugis nuclears, i quan van tornar, no van poder fer res, perquè s'havien gastat tot el pressupost de tres anys de Protecció Civil en el viatge.

L.K. Es vergonyós.

J.H. Vergonyós.

SCENE 7: THE MINISTER PANICS

H.A. Thank you. Oh, by the way. How did the recording go?

J.H. Well, I got into a bit of bother over Ben Stanley's bunker. I said that politicians weren't as important as doctors and so on.

H.A. Did you? ("feigned surprise" intonation)

J.H. And then he said, "what about the PM's place in the government shelter?"

H.A. And what did you say?

J.H. I got out of it, of course. Pretty cleverly actually. All the same I'm not too sure how happy the PM will be about it. But then I recovered with a marvellously funny story I remembered about a group of councillors who went all the way to California to look at fall-out shelters and spent three years of the Civil Defence budget on the jaunt.

H.A. May I ask where that came from?

J.H. Yes. Where did that come from, Bernard?

B.W. From the Civil Defence Directorate, Minister. They must have known you were doing the interview.

H.A. Moltes gràcies. Ah, per cert. Com va anar la gravació?

J.H. Um, doncs, primer vaig criticar una mica el refugi d'en Ben Stanley. Vaig dir que els polítics no eren pas tan importants com els metges, etc.

H.A. Ah, sí?

J.H. Però em va preguntar pel lloc que el Primer Ministre té en el refugi del Govern.

H.A. Ah, i què va contestar?

J.H. Vaig desviar la qüestió, naturalment, fins i tot amb intel·ligència. Malgrat tot no sé pas si el Primer Ministre n'estarà gaire content. Però després, em vaig refer amb una història meravellosa d'un grup de regidors que van anar fins a Califòrnia a mirar refugis nuclears i es van gastar el pressupost de tres anys de Protecció Civil en el viatget.

H.A. Es pot saber d'on ho ha tret això?

J.H. Sí. D'on ho hem tret això?

B.W. De la Direcció de Protecció Civil. Devien saber que li feien l'entrevista.

H.A. Anyway, Minister, I am sure you know what you are doing.

J.H. Humphrey! Humphrey! You only say that when I've made an appalling cock-up.

H.A. Minister, you do know that the borough in question contains the PM's constituency. And that the PM's election agent was the councillor who led the delegation.

J.H. That was just a joke wasn't it?

H.A. Number Ten have been trying to keep it quiet for weeks. But er, oh well, truth will out.

J.H. No! no, no, no, ... it mustn't out. It might look like a personal attack, you know what the PM's like about loyalty just now. Humphrey! This interview must not go out.

H.A. Unfortunately, Minister, I haven't the time. I must be going.

J.H. Humphrey, Humphrey! I'm, I'm, I'm ordering you Humphrey.

H.A. Alas! Minister, it is your orders that are calling me away.

H.A. Ah, bé. Ministre, m'imagino que ja sap el que fa.

J.H. Humphrey! Humphrey! Només diu això quan m'he ficat de peus a la galleda.

H.A. Ministre, no ho sap que en el municipi en qüestió hi ha el col·legi electoral¹ del Primer Ministre? I que l'interventor del Primer Ministre era el regidor que encapçalava la delegació?

J.H. Ho deu dir de broma, no?

H.A. Els del número deu feien el que podien per mantenir-lo en secret durant setmanes. Però en fi. Tard o d'hora tot se sap.

J.H. No! no, no, no... de cap manera, semblaria un atac personal. I ja sap què en pensa el Primer Ministre de la lleialtat. Humphrey! Aquesta entrevista no es pot emetre!

H.A. Bé. Desgraciadament, Ministre, ara no tinc temps. Me n'he d'anar.

J.H. Humphrey, Humphrey! Li ordeno, Humphrey!

H.A. Precisament són les seves ordres les que ara mateix em reclamen.

¹ La circumscriptió

J.H. What do you mean?

H.A. Well, your scheme for imposing pre-set failure standards on local councils is very complex. You asked for proposals straight away. It is taking every moment of my time. Much as I would like to help ... However, if implementing failure standards were not quite so urgent ...

J.H. Do you mean you can (stress) stop the broadcast?

H.A. Minister, we cannot censor the BBC. But I happen to be lunching with the BBC's Director of Policy, perhaps you'd care to join us?

J.H. But, if you can't censor them ...

H.A. Well, we can always try to persuade them to withdraw programmes voluntarily (intonation) once they realise that transmission is not in the public interest.

J.H. Well, it's not in my (stress) interest, and I (stress) represent the public. So it's not in the public interest.

H.A. That's a novel argument¹. We haven't tried that on them before, have we?

END OF SCENE 7.

J.H. Què vol dir?

H.A. Doncs que el seu projecte d'imposar normes d'execució a l'Administració Local és molt complex. Va exigir propostes immediates. No em queda ni un moment per fer res més, i tot i que m'agradaria ajudar-lo ... No obstant, potser, si resultés que aquestes normes d'execució no fossin tan urgents ...

J.H. Vol dir que el pot aturar aquest programa?

H.A. Ministre, no podem pas censurar la BBC, però casualment avui dino amb el Cap de Programació de la BBC. Potser li agradaria afegir-s'hi.

J.H. Però, si no els podem censurar...

H.A. Podem intentar persuadir-los de retirar programes voluntàriament si s'adonen que la seva retransmissió no interessa gaire al públic.

J.H. A mi no m'interessa, i jo represento el públic, per tant, no interessa al públic.

H.A. Aquest argument és nou. No hem provat mai d'enredar-los així, oi que no?

¹ Understatement, difficult to achieve the same effect.

SCENE 8: LUNCH WITH THE BBC DIRECTOR OF POLICY

F.A I'm sorry, Mr Hacker, but the BBC cannot give in to government pressure.

H.A. Well, let's leave that on one side, shall we?

J.H. No, no, no, no...

H.A. Let's leave that on one side. Please, Minister. Frank, I wonder if I could raise something else? There is considerable disquiet about the BBC's attitude and hostility towards the Government.

F.A. But, that's absurd.

H.A. Is it? We have been documenting instances of bias in BBC current affairs. Favourable News Stories Not Reported. Ah yes, Excessive Publicity For Other Countries' Case Against Britain, especially our Common Market enemies. Er, partners. Jokes Against the Prime Minister. Unnecessary Publicity for Anti-government Demonstrations. And Ministers' Programme Suggestions Not Accepted. I'm afraid I didn't have room in my case for the others.

F.A. Perdoni, senyor Hacker, però la BBC no pot cedir a les pressions del Govern.

H.A. Bé. Potser millor que ho deixem de banda això.

J.H. No, no. Insisteixo...

H.A. He dit potser millor que ho deixem de banda això. Permet-me, Ministre. Frank, ara li voldria plantejar una altra qüestió. L'actitud de franca hostilitat per part de la BBC contra el Govern provoca una gran inquietud.

F.A. Però això és absurd.

H.A. Ah sí? Precisament, aquí tinc documentats casos de parcialitat en l'activitat normal de la BBC. Notícies Favorables Silenciades... Ah, sí, Excessiva Publicitat Contra la Gran Bretanya i a Favor d'Altres Països, especialment els enemics del Mercat Comú. Vull dir socis. Ah, sí, Acudits contra el Primer Ministre... Publicitat Innecessària d'Algunes Manifestacions Antigovernamentals... i Suggeriments de Programació Fets pels Ministres, Rebutjats. Em sembla que els altres casos no m'han cabut a la maleta.

F.A. But ... I'm ... but I'm sure we've got answers to all these.

J.H. The BBC's always got answers. Silly ones, but it's always got them.

H.A. Of course. But I just thought it was only fair to warn you that questions are being asked.

F.A. What sort of questions?

H.A. Well, for example, were Parliament to be televised, whether it shouldn't be entrusted to ITV.

F.A. You can't be serious!

H.A. And whether the BBC administration is actually making the cuts in jobs and premises that we have endured in government. Should a Select Committee be appointed to scrutinise all BBC expenditure?

F.A. That would be an intolerable intrusion.

H.A. Well, of course. And then there's the extraordinary matter of the boxes at Ascot, Wimbledon, Lord's, Covent Garden, the Proms ...

F.A. Ah yes, well those are technical requirements. For production and engineering staff.

F.A. Sí. Però estic segur que tenim respostes per a tot això.

J.H. La BBC sempre té respostes. Estúpides, però en té.

H.A. I tant. Però crec que és just advertir-lo que la gent continua fent preguntes.

F.A. Quines preguntes?

H.A. Doncs, per exemple, Si no s'hauria de confiar a la televisió privada la retransmissió de les sessions del Parlament.

F.A. Ho deu dir de broma!

H.A. I si realment l'administració de la BBC suprimeix llocs de treball i redueix les despeses tal com hem hagut de fer al Govern i si no s'hauria de nomenar una comissió per a controlar les despeses de la BBC.

F.A. Això seria una intromissió intolerable.

H.A. Ja ho crec que sí. Llavors també hi ha aquest assumpte increïble de les llotges a Ascot, Wimbledon, Lords, Covent Garden i els concerts.

F.A. Si es tracta de necessitats tècniques, enginyers de producció i enginyeria...

H.A. Reports from the inland revenue suggest that the production and engineering staff are all holding champagne glasses, all accompanied by their wives - or ladies of equal distinction - and all bear a remarkable similarity to governors, directors and executives of the corporation and their friends. Oh, I say, you've come out very well there. Mind you, it is just possible that we might be able to contain all this criticism, provided the files don't get any larger. And I've been urging my Minister that there is really no need to take up this case of the Civil Defence issue formally.

F.A. But, but, you must see my position (pun: he is in one of the photos Humphrey is showing him). The BBC cannot give in to government pressure.

H.A. No, no, of course not. We wouldn't want them to, would we Minister?

J.H. Wouldn't we?

H.A. No, of course we wouldn't. But you see the Minister's interview with Ludovic Kennedy did contain some factual errors.

F.A. Factual errors? Ah, well now that's different. I mean as you know the BBC couldn't give in to government pressure ...

J.H. & H.A. ... Oh, absolutely not.

H.A. Uns informes del Ministeri d'Hisenda indiquen que tant el personal d'enginyeria com el de producció seu xampany a dojo, ... en companyia de les seves esposes o senyores d'igual distinció, i resulta que tots s'assemblen molt als administradors, directors, caps i executius de la BBC i els seus amics. Que bé ha quedat vostè aquí, no troba? Potser podríem ser capaços de contenir tots aquest perquè no augmentés el nombre de carpetes. El Ministre i jo creiem que no hi ha cap necessitat de discutir formalment el que és problemàtic de la Protecció Civil.

F.A. Però comprenGUI la meva situació. La BBC no pot cedir a les pressions del Govern.

H.A. No, no. Per descomptat, nosaltres tampoc ho voldríem, oi que no?

J.H. Ah, no?

H.A. És clar que no. Però l'entrevista del Ministre amb en Ludovic Kennedy contenia alguns errors objectius.

F.A. Errors objectius. Això ja és una altra cosa. Ja sabem que la BBC no cedeix a les pressions del Govern

...

J.H. & H.A. ... i ara!

F.A. ... but we do set great store by factual accuracy.

H.A. Oh, yes, indeed. But, you see, some of the information in the interview might well be out of date by the time of transmission.

F.A. Out of date? Ah well, now that's serious. Obviously, the BBC, as you know, couldn't give in to government pressure ...

H.A. & J.H. Oh, yes, of course not.

F.A. ... but we do not want to transmit out-of-date material.

J.H. And since the recording I've realized that I made one or two inadvertent slips that might have security implications.

F.A. Such as?

J.H. ...

H.A. He can't tell you what they are.

F.A. Why not?

H.A. Security.

F.A. We can't be too careful about security, I do agree. If the defence of the realm is at stake, well we do have to be very responsible. I mean, obviously the BBC couldn't give in to government pressure ...

H.A. & J.H. Of course not.

F.A. Pero concedim una gran importància a l'objectivitat.

H.A. Sí, sí, és clar, és possible que una part de l'entrevista hagi perdut actualitat en el moment de l'emissió.

F.A. Que hagi perdut actualitat? Ah, això ja és més greu. Òbviament, la BBC com ja sabem no pot cedir de cap manera a les pressions del Govern.

H.A. i J.H. És clar que no. Sens dubte.

F.A. Però no podem pas donar una informació que hagi perdut actualitat.

J.H. Després de la gravació vaig advertir que havia dit una o dues coses que seria molt millor callar per raons de seguretat.

F.A. Com ara?

J.H. ...

H.A. No li pot dir quines són.

F.A. Per què no?

H.A. Per seguretat.

F.A. Reconeix que més val pecar per prudent amb la seguretat. Sí, senyor. Si està en joc la defensa del regne hem de ser molt responsables. Perquè òbviament, la BBC no cedeix a les pressions del Govern ...

H.A. i J.H. No, de cap manera.

F.A. ... but security, well, you can't be too careful, can you?

J.H. You can't be too careful.

H.A. You can't be too careful, you see.

F.A. If there are inaccuracies and security worries, the BBC wouldn't want to put the interview out.

H.A. Naturally.

F.A. That puts a completely different complexion on it.

J.H. Completely different.

H.A. Completely different complexion on it.

F.A. Transmission would not be in the public interest. But I must make one thing absolutely clear.

H.A. Yes?

F.A. There can be absolutely no question of the BBC ever giving in to government pressure.

H.A. Oh, of course not.

J.H. Of course not.

END OF SCENE 8.

F.A. Amb la seguretat val més pecar per prudent.

J.H. Sí, val més...

H.A. Val més pecar per prudent.

F.A. Si hi hagués imprecisions i problemes amb la seguretat, la BBC seria la primera de no emetre l'entrevista.

H.A. Només faltava...

F.A. Davant d'això tot canvia radicalment.

J.H. Radicalment.

H.A. Sí. Tot canvia radicalment.

F.A. En aquest cas l'entrevista no seria d'interès públic. Però hi ha una cosa que ha de quedar ben clara.

H.A. Quina?

F.A. És absolutament inqüestionable que la BBC no cedeix mai a les pressions del Govern.

H.A. De cap manera.

J.H. De cap manera.

SCENE 9 (LAST SCENE): ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

H.A. Oh, good news, Minister, the BBC have decided not to send out your interview with Ludovic Kennedy.

J.H. Really?

H.A. They felt that was the responsible course.

J.H. Well done.

H.A. Oh, it was nothing, Minister.

J.H. And yet, you know, I can't help feeling that I was trapped into saying those things that might have embarrassed the PM.

H.A. Oh, surely not.

J.H. Yes, I think I was dropped right in it.

H.A. How could you think such a ridiculous thought?

J.H. Why is it ridiculous, Humphrey, to imagine that he would have tried to trap me?

H.A. Who?

J.H. Ludovic Kennedy.

H.A. Oh, Ludovic Kennedy tried to trap you. Yes, well, I'm sure he did.

J.H. Deceitful crowd the media, underhand, you can't trust them an inch.

H.A. Deceitful, oh, thoroughly deceitful.

H.A. Bones notícies, Ministre. La BBC ha decidit no emetre la seva entrevista amb el Ludovic Kennedy.

J.H. Ah, sí?

H.A. Al final han vist que era la solució més sensata.

J.H. El felicito.

H.A. Ah, no té importància.

J.H. Encara que... sap? No puc deixar de pensar que em van parar una trampa per què digués allò tan comprometedor per al Primer Ministre.

H.A. Oh, segur que no.

J.H. Sí. Estic convençut que hi vaig caure de ple.

H.A. Com pot pensar una cosa tan ridícula?

J.H. Ho troba ridícul? Imaginar que volia tractar d'atrapar-me?

H.A. Qui?

J.H. Ludovic Kennedy.

H.A. Ah, el Ludovic Kennedy va intentar atrapar-lo. Sí n'estic segur.

J.H. Mala gent els periodistes, no s'hi pot confiar gens ni mica.

H.A. Mala gent, molt mala gent.

J.H. By the way, Humphrey. I think it might be wise to lay off the local councils.

H.A. Oh yes?

J.H. After all, councillors are responsible, sensible people, on the whole. And, of course, they are democratically elected.

H.A. Democratically elected.

J.H. I do think central government has to be frightfully careful before it starts telling them how to do their job.

H.A. Oh, frightfully careful. And the failure standards?

J.H. I think the same applies, don't you?

H.A. Yes, Minister.

J.H. Ah, per cert, Humphrey. Trobo que seria més sensat deixar tranquil·la l'Administració Local.

H.A. Ah sí?

J.H. Al cap i a la fi els regidors, en general, són gent responsable i prudent a part que són elegits democràticament.

H.A. Democràticament.

J.H. I sóc del parer que el Govern Central ha d'anar molt en compte abans de donar-los lliçons de com han de fer la feina.

H.A. Molt en compte. I les normes d'execució?

J.H. Val més que ho deixem córrer. No ho troba?

H.A. Sí, Ministre.

THE END

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