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PRIME MINISTER

Messrs Brittan and Raison are losing  
Esmond Bulmer as PPS - he is taking on  
additional business commitments. They would  
like to appoint John Patten. The Chief Whip  
and Mr. Whitelaw are content.

Agree this appointment?

Yes not

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Cabinet Office consulted:  
no comment.

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22 October 1980



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*From the Private Secretary*

23 October 1980

APPOINTMENTS IN CONFIDENCE

Thank you for your letter of 21 October, about the post of Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Ministers of State at the Home Office.

The Prime Minister is content that the appointment should be offered to Mr. John Patten.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Halliday in the Secretary of State's office and to Felicity Yonge (Chief Whip's Office).

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APPOINTMENTS IN CONFIDENCE



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21st October 1980

Dear Nick,

I would be grateful if you could seek the Prime Minister's approval to the appointment of Mr. John Patten as joint Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Ministers of State at the Home Office, Mr. Brittan and Mr. Raison.

The present PPS, Mr. Esmond Bulmer, has asked to relinquish his post with effect from the end of the current Session of Parliament, because he is about to assume additional business commitments.

The Home Secretary and the Chief Whip have been consulted and agree to Mr. Patten's appointment.

I am sincerely,  
Nigel Pantling

N. A. PANTLING  
Private Secretary

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