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From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY



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Prime Minister

Agree appointment of Mr Neubert as  
PPS to NIO Ministers of State?

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Yes  
not

22 January 1981

MA 22/1

Dear Michael,

I am writing to you in accordance with "Questions of Procedure for Ministers", to seek the Prime Minister's approval to the appointment of Mr Michael Neubert as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Michael Alison and Adam Butler. It is proposed that Mr Neubert should succeed Michael Morris who has acted as the PPS to the two Ministers of State in the Northern Ireland Office since May 1979, and who now wishes to relinquish his position.

The Chief Whip supports the proposal.

Yours sincerely,  
David Brooker

DAVID BROOKER  
Private Secretary to  
Mr Alison  
Minister of State

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cc NIO  
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*Pat Wane*

bcc CO

23 January 1981

APPOINTMENTS - IN CONFIDENCE

Thank you for your letter of 22 January, about the appointment of a PPS to the Ministers of State at the Northern Ireland Office.

The Prime Minister is content that Mr. Michael Neubert should be invited to serve.

I am sending copies of this letter to Roy Harrington in your Secretary of State's Office and Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office).

M. A. PATTISON

David Brooker, Esq.,  
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