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Prime Minister

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Prime Minister

Ian Grist has decided - for perfectly good reasons - not to continue as my Parliamentary Private Secretary. He considers that he must be able to speak in the House on matters within Welsh Office responsibility which affect his constituency. I understand his position perfectly.

I would like to appoint Keith Best in Ian's place. It would be an excellent first step on the ladder for him - and give him some political kudos in Anglesey.

I have consulted Michael Jopling who agrees with my proposal. I would be grateful, therefore, to have your approval.

8 October 1981

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From the Private Secretary

12 October 1981

The Prime Minister has seen Mr. Edwards's minute of 8 October asking her to approve the appointment of Mr. Keith Best, M.P. as his Parliamentary Private Secretary. The Prime Minister is quite content for Mr. Edwards to appoint Mr. Best.

I am copying this letter to Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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