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PRIME MINISTER

I told you on Wednesday evening that John Corrie had resigned as PPS to George Younger, and you approved the appointment of Peter Fraser as replacement.

You may like to see the attached exchange of letters between Mr. Younger and Mr. Corrie.

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30 October 1981



10 DOWNING STREET

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From the Private Secretary

29 October 1981

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PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARIES

We spoke last night about Mr. Corrie's resignation as PPS to your Secretary of State, and Mr. Younger's proposal that Mr. Peter Fraser should be appointed to replace him.

I confirm that the Prime Minister approved this proposal, which had earlier been agreed with the Chief Whip.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Murdo Mclean (Chief Whip's Office).

M. A. PATTISON

A. Muir Russell, Esq.,
Scottish Office.

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SCOTTISH OFFICE
WHITEHALL, LONDON SW1A 2AU

28th October, 1981.

My Dear John,

Thank you for your letter. I fully understand that you feel you must return to the back-benches and cease to be my Parliamentary Private Secretary, but I am extremely sorry to lose you.

I am deeply grateful for the total support you have given me, and for your unfailing help over the past 2½ years. I could not have been better assisted, both in Parliament and outside, and you have made an excellent contribution to the Scottish Office ministerial team.

I appreciate your warm political support, both for the Prime Minister and myself, and am glad that you will now have a wide opportunity to be of assistance to all our endeavours from a prominent position on our back-benches.

May I wish you every success, and repeat again my grateful thanks for all you have done.

Yours sincerely,

George

John Corrie Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
London S.W.1.

From: John Corrie, M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

27th October, 1981

Dear George

I was very honoured when you appointed me to be your PPS over two years ago.

During this time, it has been very difficult to make any speeches in Scotland and of course I have not been able to speak at all on Scottish affairs in the House. I am anxious to be free to speak, both in the House and elsewhere and, sadly, I must ask you to release me from my appointment as your PPS.

I should like to make it clear that I entirely agree with all you have done since we came to office and I will continue to support you from the back benches to the best of my ability. May I also say that the Prime Minister has my full support in her policies now, as she did when I first helped elect her as leader. I am sure these policies represent the only way forward to a sound economy for our country.

I have learned much about the business of government during the time I have been working for you and I have enjoyed the experience very much. May I thank you personally for having given me the privilege.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'John Corrie'.

The Rt. Hon. George Younger, M.P.