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Content that Lord  
Cranborne should be  
appointed pps to Mr Marten  
Mr Rifkind and Mr  
Onslow, subject to any  
comments Mr Pym may  
have?

From the Minister

22 April 1982

WM  
23/4

Dear Prime Minister,

Yes

As you probably know, when Richard Luce resigned, his PPS,  
Robert Banks, who worked for both Richard and me, felt it right to  
resign too.

I have spoken to the Chief Whip about a replacement and he has  
suggested Robert Cranborne, who is acceptable to both Cranley Onslow  
and Malcolm Rifkind, with whom he would also work.

Could I please have your agreement to this appointment before  
I approach Robert Cranborne?

I am copying this to Michael Jopling.

Yours

Neil

NEIL MARTEN

The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP  
Prime Minister



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further

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

27 April 1982

The Prime Minister has seen Mr. Marten's letter of 22 April. She is content for Lord Cranborne to be appointed PPS to your Minister, Mr. Onslow and Mr. Rifkind, provided that the Foreign Secretary is also content.

I am copying this letter to Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and Francis Richards (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

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