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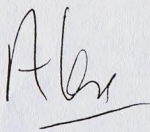
PRIME MINISTER

DORNEYWOOD

We made it clear yesterday that no decision had been taken about which Minister would get Dorneywood.

I am sure that Ken Clarke is expecting to get Dorneywood. The alternatives would be Michael Howard or Michael Heseltine. Giving it to Michael Howard would clearly put Ken Clarke's nose out of joint, since he is well below him in Cabinet seniority. And Michael Heseltine arguably doesn't really need it.

Content to give it to Ken Clarke? If so, shall I write, or would you want to ring/write/see him?



ALEX ALLAN

28 May 1993

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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBIN BUTLER

ADMIRALTY HOUSE

Thank you for your minute of 7 May, which you discussed with the Prime Minister at your bilateral this morning. The Prime Minister agreed with your view that, notwithstanding the Attorney General's interest, it would be preferable to continue to keep Flat 1 in Admiralty House vacant.

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ALEX ALLAN

10 MAY 1993

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Ref. A093/1506

MR ALLAN

Prime Minister
I don't think the Attorney General has
a very strong claim and agree with Robin
that it may be best to keep it vacant.
[Don't worry, I know you won't
ever move out of your flat again even temporarily!]

As you are aware, the Attorney General has expressed an interest in the vacant Flat (Flat 1) in Admiralty House. It has been explained to the Attorney that the Admiralty House Flats are in the personal gift of the Prime Minister, but his expression of interest provides an opportunity to reconsider what use might be made of Flat 1.

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2. Flat 1 is currently held vacant, against the possible need to use it for one of the occupants of Downing Street in the case of an increase in terrorist activities directed against Downing Street itself. It now seems less likely that this option will need to be taken up. On the other hand, there are no overwhelmingly strong candidates for the vacant flat. Although the Attorney General has expressed an interest, and he is at least as eligible as many of the Cabinet, his case is not overwhelming. He is currently assessed at threat level 3b, although he himself has perhaps greater concern for his personal security following a recent break-in at his London address (a house belonging, I understand, to his parents-in-law).

3. There are advantages in continuing to keep the flat unoccupied against a possible need to use it for security reasons if we received intelligence of a specific threat against a Minister or other individual. On balance this may be more sensible, and I am sure that the Attorney would appreciate this explanation of the position. Subject to the Prime Minister's views, therefore the Attorney might be advised that the Prime Minister intends to keep the vacant flat in Admiralty House

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unoccupied for the time being in the light of the current security position, but that he would of course keep the Attorney General's interest in mind if his needs increased and other contingent requirements diminished.

R.B.

ROBIN BUTLER

7 May 1993

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OFFICIAL FLATS IN ADMIRALTY HOUSE

This is to confirm that my Secretary of State has been reflecting further on his accommodation requirement and has decided that he would prefer after all to remain in his present flat on the top floor of Admiralty House.

He is, however, very keen for a certain amount of refurbishment decoration to be carried out on the flat which has remained untouched since he moved into it a few years ago with the result that parts of it are now rather the worse for wear. He assumes that there will, in principle, be no difficulty over this and I have asked our accommodation people here to discuss specific plans through the usual channels.

Yours sincerely
W R

W R FITTALL

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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBIN BUTLER

MINISTERS' OFFICIAL RESIDENCES

You discussed with the Prime Minister this morning your minute of 14 April. The following points were agreed:

- (i) Dorneywood should be offered to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The Prime Minister will mention this to him when they next speak. I have arranged for Robin Catford to inform the Trustees.
- (ii) Mr. King should remain in Admiralty House flat 1 until the beginning of July. The flat should then be left vacant for about three weeks to enable some security work to be carried out. It will then be occupied by the Prime Minister during the period of work at No.10. My guess is that this will last from late July until Christmas. This flat would then be made available to the Secretary of State for Defence.
- (iii) Flat 2 Admiralty House would be offered to the Secretary of State for Defence until flat 1 is available. Flat 2 then to be offered to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.
- (iv) Flat 3 to continue to be occupied by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland until he moves into flat 2.
- (v) Flat 3 would then be vacant to be offered as necessary to another Minister. This would depend upon security advice but, in the nature of the job, the Attorney General is likely to make enemies and could well establish the best case. Mr. Hunt has also registered an interest in this flat.
- (vi) The Home Secretary should initially be offered the pied a terre at South Eaton Place. From August, until the completion of the Downing Street works, the Chancellor of the Exchequer should move into the main house. When he returns to Downing Street, the Home Secretary can then move into the main house.

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The Prime Minister would be grateful if you could negotiate these arrangements with the Ministers concerned.

AT

ANDREW TURNBULL

15 April 1992

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Ref. A092/1099

MR TURNBULL

Prime Minister
Agree this plan,
including allocated
Dangwood to C. L. G. H
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Ministers' Official Residences

The current position on Ministers' official residences is as follows:

(i) The Prime Minister occupies No 10 and Chequers. He will need alternative accommodation from August until October when the work is being done to strengthen the No 10 roof.

(ii) The Chancellor of the Exchequer occupies No 11; he will also need to be rehoused from August to October.

(iii) The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will continue to occupy Carlton Gardens and Chevening.

(iv) The Home Secretary has been advised that he cannot continue to live in his own London flat; this cannot be adequately protected. He is, however, reluctant to move. He will wish to continue to use his Nottinghamshire home at weekends, where his family is based; this can be adequately protected.

(v) The Northern Ireland Secretary currently occupies the top flat (Flat 3) at Admiralty House. He would like to move into Flat 2, previously occupied by Mr Brooke.

(vi) The Secretary of State for Defence is not at a threat level which requires him to move into official accommodation. However, his address was published in the Evening Standard recently, and it might therefore be wiser



for him to move into official accommodation. MOD also argue that it would be convenient for him to occupy the Admiralty House flat, since he does a good deal of official entertaining in Admiralty House.

(vii) The Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Secretaries occupy official residences in Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast.

(viii) Dorneywood has not yet been allocated.

(ix) Mr Tom King currently occupies Flat 1 at Admiralty House, and would like to stay there until it is required for the Prime Minister or the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the summer. Tynwald, 62 South Eaton Place, originally acquired as a home for the Home Secretary, is currently vacant. This had been thought to be an appropriate place for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to move during the work at Downing Street in the summer.

Future dispositions

2. Both the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Defence have homes outside London, where their families are based, and which they normally return to at weekends. The Chancellor of the Exchequer does not (his own house is in London and has been let to tenants). Both the Chancellor and the Home Secretary would be interested in Dorneywood: the Prime Minister will therefore need to decide on its allocation. I think that the claim of the Chancellor is slightly stronger.

3. In London, I recommend dispositions as follows:

(i) Mr King to remain in Admiralty Flat 1 until the beginning of July. This flat should then be left vacant for



three weeks to enable property holdings to carry out some necessary security work. It would then be available for occupancy by the Prime Minister during the period of work at No 10. Finally, it would be made available to the Secretary of State for Defence when the work on Downing Street is complete.

(ii) Flat 2, Admiralty House to be offered to the Secretary of State for Defence, until Flat 1 is available (beginning of November). Flat 2 then to be offered to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

(iii) Flat 3 to continue to be occupied by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland until he moves into Flat 2 at the beginning of November. Flat 3 would then be vacant, to be offered as necessary to another Minister.

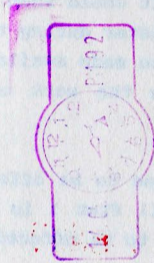
(iv) Provided he is willing to move, 62 South Eaton Place to be allocated in full to the Home Secretary, from October onwards, after the Chancellor has moved in from August to October. (The Chancellor of the Exchequer has his family in London; the Home Secretary does not.) In the meantime, the Home Secretary could use the pied à terre.

4. If the Prime Minister is content, I will seek to negotiate these arrangements with the Ministers concerned.

R. B.

ROBIN BUTLER

13 April 1992



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10 DOWNING STREET

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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBIN BUTLER

62 SOUTH EATON PLACE

You discussed your minute to me of 2 August with the Prime Minister today. He took the view that we should not offer this property to another Minister but should hold it in reserve should a requirement for protected accommodation arise at short notice. The Prime Minister did not respond to your suggestion that the Northern Ireland Secretary might move in, leaving his flat as the spare.

I am copying this minute to Sir Clive Whitmore.

AT

16 September 1991

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Ref. A091/2001

MR TURNBULL

62 South Eaton Place

As I believe you know, Lord Waddington has now vacated 62 South Eaton Place (which was acquired to provide a secure residence for Mr Hurd when he was Home Secretary) and the present Home Secretary does not require it.

2. Normally, the house would be disposed of but it seems unwise to do that until we see whether Ministerial dispositions after the General Election might make it necessary. So I am writing to consult you on whether there is any Minister to whom the Prime Minister would like to offer it between now and the General Election. One possibility is the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, who at present has the small flat at the top of Admiralty House. Another possibility would be to leave the house vacant and keep it available in case we receive intelligence that a Minister not now in secure premises is under a threat which would require them to leave their home.

3. Perhaps we might have a word about this after the holiday.

4. I am copying this minute to Sir Clive Whitmore.

R.B.

ROBIN BUTLER

2 August 1991

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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
WHITEHALL, LONDON SW1A2AT

28 June 1991

Dear Andrew,

LORD PRIVY SEAL'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE

Further to our recent telephone conversation I am writing to confirm that yesterday the Lord Privy Seal moved out of the official residence at 62 South Eaton Place which he has used since he was Home Secretary. He has moved back to his family home in London at:

9 Denny Street
Kennington
London SE11

(Telephone 071 735 5886)

I am sorry that I was not in touch with you earlier: although I was aware that the Lord Privy Seal did not plan to remain at South Eaton Place indefinitely the actual move occurred very quickly. I have already informed the Central Unit at the Home Office about the new arrangements.

I am writing separately to Colin Walters in the Home Secretary's office, since the Home Office have retained responsibility for the running of the property, and Geoffrey de Deney in the Privy Council Office.

I am copying this letter to Sonia Phippard in Sir Robin Butler's office.

Yours sincerely
Gillian Kirtton

GILLIAN KIRTTON
Private Secretary

Andrew Turnbull Esq

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Mr Cathford*

10 DOWNING STREET
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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBIN BUTLER

MINISTERS' OFFICIAL RESIDENCES

The Prime Minister considered the schedule of residences which was submitted with the Cabinet Office briefing. The current disposition of residences was approved, subject to

- (i) South Eaton Place, which is currently occupied by Mr. Waddington as Home Secretary, should continue to be occupied by Mr. Waddington as Lord Privy Seal.
- (ii) The Prime Minister took no decision about Dorneywood. There were rival considerations. On the one hand, Mr. Waddington was higher in the order of Cabinet precedence than Mr. Baker; on the other he already had one Government house and the Home Secretary would probably be able to make better departmental use of Dorneywood. The Prime Minister would be talking to the Lord Privy Seal about other matters over the weekend and would decide after that conversation.

AT

ANDREW TURNBULL

30 November 1990

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MINISTERS' OFFICIAL RESIDENCES

Residence/JP

1. The official residences for Ministers in London are:

Common User Estate

- No 10 Downing Street - occupied by the Prime Minister as First Lord of the Treasury
- No 11 Downing Street - occupied by the Chancellor of the Exchequer
- No 12 Downing Street - occupied by the Chief Whip
- Admiralty House - Three Flats ^{Def} ^{WFO} ^{A.G.} ✓
- Flat 1 - occupied by the Secretary of State for Defence ✓
- Flat 2 - occupied by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland ✓
- Flat 3 - occupied by the Attorney General ✓

Departmental Estate

- Tynwald - 62 South Eaton Place - occupied by the Secretary of State for the Home Office ✓
- 1 Carlton Gardens - occupied by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs ✓
- Lord Chancellor's Flat (Palace of Westminster) - occupied by the Lord Chancellor as Speaker of the House of Lords ✓

2. Outside London

- Chequers - occupied by the Prime Minister ✓
- Dorneywood - vacant ^{WADDINGTON} ^{BAKER} ✓
- Chevening - occupied by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs ✓
- Bute House, Edinburgh - official residence of the Secretary of State for Scotland ✓
- Government Building, Hillsborough House County Down - official residence of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland ✓
- Stormont House, Belfast - residence and office accommodation for Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and other Northern Ireland Office Ministers and Officials ✓
- Cathay's Park, Cardiff - residence available for use by the Secretary of State for Wales and other Welsh Office Ministers ✓

PRIME MINISTER

DORNEYWOOD

You have taken no decision on who, following Sir Geoffrey Howe, should have use of Dorneywood. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has no interest in it though, since there has been press speculation that he would get it, he would like to be in a position to say that he chose not to take it.

The Home Secretary has indicated an interest as he believes he could put it to good use for meetings and conferences. In terms of Cabinet precedence - a copy of the new list is attached - he now stands behind the Foreign Secretary and the Chancellor. The only other person with a reasonable claim is the Defence Secretary who, although he holds a post with less status than that of Home Secretary, has been in the Cabinet a great deal longer, since 1983 compared to 1989 for Mr. Waddington. I have no idea whether he would be interested.

Do you want to offer it to Mr. Waddington?

or

Do you want to find out whether Mr. King would be interested?

AT

Will discuss

ANDREW TURNBULL

8 November 1990

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NG's. PM apart from the Home Sec
I held up party leadership election
Held new laptop
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MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Prime Minister	The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
Lord Chancellor	The Rt Hon Lord Mackay of Clashfern
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs	The Rt Hon Douglas Hurd MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer	The Rt Hon John Major MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department	The Rt Hon David Waddington QC MP
Secretary of State for Defence	The Rt Hon Tom King MP
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster	The Rt Hon Kenneth Baker MP
Secretary of State for Education and Science	The Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP
Lord President of the Council	The Rt Hon John MacGregor OBE MP
Secretary of State for Scotland	The Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind QC MP
Secretary of State for Transport	The Rt Hon Cecil Parkinson MP
Secretary of State for Energy	The Rt Hon John Wakeham MP
Lord Privy Seal	The Rt Hon Lord Belstead
Secretary of State for Social Security	The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP
Secretary of State for the Environment	The Rt Hon Christopher Patten MP
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland	The Rt Hon Peter Brooke MP
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food	The Rt Hon John Gummer MP
Chief Secretary, Treasury	The Rt Hon Norman Lamont MP
Secretary of State for Employment	The Rt Hon Michael Howard QC MP
Secretary of State for Wales	The Rt Hon David Hunt MP
Secretary of State for Trade and Industry	The Rt Hon Peter Lilley MP
Secretary of State for Health	The Rt Hon William Waldegrave MP

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From the Principal Private Secretary

MISS PHIPPARD

ACCOMMODATION FOR MAJOR-GENERAL CRAWFORD

The Prime Minister has seen your minute to me of 5 January which she has noted without comment.

ANDREW TURNBULL

8 January 1990

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Prime Minister

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Ref. A090/22

MR TURNBULLAccommodation for Major-General Crawford

You asked about alternative accommodation for Major-General Crawford, the Commandant of the Royal Army Medical College, now that the house normally occupied by the holder of that post has been allocated for security reasons to the Lord President.

2. The house, in Atterbury Street, is a Type I married quarter, classified as an official residence. An officer of two-star rank in London would not normally qualify for a house of this sort, but the property is an integral part of the Millbank Barracks site, which houses the Royal Army Medical College, and which is held by the Ministry of Defence under a memorandum of Agreement from HM The Queen to the Secretary of State for War dated 6 September 1895. The Commandant of the College has traditionally taken the house, which has proved valuable in offering hospitality to visiting speakers and others whom it is in the interests of the College to cultivate.

3. The Ministry of Defence owns no other property in the immediate vicinity which might serve the same purpose, and although Major-General Crawford was offered a flat in Ashley Gardens, SW1, this was judged at best equivalent to a Type III married quarter which is below the scale for two-star rank. Major-General Crawford preferred to live in the house he owns in Dulwich, where he has been living in any case whilst the house in Atterbury Street was refurbished; so he will stay there. In

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addition, he has been provided with a room in the Mess at Millbank Barracks, which he can use as a base at the College.

4. With the exception of Major-General Cooper (Officer Commanding the Household Division and GOC London) no other Major-General working in Central London is accommodated in an official residence. All are living in rented property on lodging allowance, or living in their own homes, or are accommodated in below-scale Type III quarters.

Sonia Phippard

MISS S C PHIPPARD

5 January 1990

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PRIME MINISTER

SECURITY FOR THE LORD PRESIDENT

Sir Robin Butler discussed with you earlier this year the need to provide the Lord President with secure accommodation. The Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police advised that neither Glengall Terrace nor Ashley Gardens were suitable accommodation on security grounds. In the case of the former he was worried not just about the protection of the Lord President but about the security of his own men who would be very exposed in the street outside the house and a long way from reinforcements.

In the face of this advice you reluctantly agreed that the Lord President should be offered the choice between a Metropolitan Police flat in Marlborough Court and a house in Atterbury Street off Millbank which was previously occupied by the Commandant of the Royal Army Medical College. If, however, the Lord President wished to remain in Glengall Terrace then that would be his own choice.

The Lord President has decided to move to Atterbury Street. A story to this effect is likely to appear in the Sunday Times. The resignation of Mr. Lawson allows the resentments over Dorneywood to be laid to rest. Fortunately the new Chancellor is not a man to set much store by grand houses.

ANDREW TURNBULL

22 December 1989

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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBIN BUTLER

SIR GEOFFREY HOWE'S ACCOMMODATION

The Prime Minister has considered further your minute of 26 September. She suggests that you put the position on both properties mentioned to him, and allow him to choose between them or, if he prefers, to remain in his present house.

AT

2 October 1989

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PRIME MINISTER

PROTECTION OF SIR GEOFFREY HOWE

I am sorry to return to this subject. I conveyed to Sir Robin Butler your view that it would be preferable for Sir Geoffrey Howe to remain at Glengall Terrace. Sir Robin thinks it is important to take account of the letter of 13 September from Sir Peter Imbert - copy attached. It was very firm in its recommendations that:

"Neither Glengall Terrace nor Ashley Gardens is suitable accommodation on security grounds for Sir Geoffrey."

If Sir Geoffrey himself insists on living at Glengall Terrace that is one thing; but otherwise, if he lives there and anything should happen to him or his family you would be in a very difficult position in view of Sir Peter's written advice. Sir Peter was also worried about the risk of officers detailed to guard the front door (not necessarily from PIRA) who would be a long way from reinforcements.

Sir Robin believes, therefore, that we cannot avoid offering more secure accommodation even if that raises other difficult issues.

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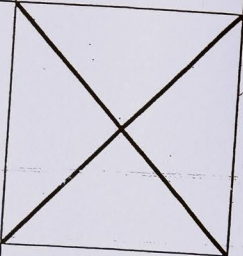
ANDREW TURNBULL
29 September 1989

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Put the position on both
proprietors to him and let him choose.
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After Spide to
M Woolley. Agreed
we would put on
agenda for next
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10 DOWNING STREET

AT 28/9

From the Principal Private Secretary

Prime Minister

Sir Robin Butler suggests two properties which
might be offered to Sir Geoffrey Howe. The Marlborough
Court flat is very modest but Adelberg St must
call into question the Downeywood decision. It
was reported in the Press that Sir Geoffrey is buying
a property in the country.

Content with FERB's proposals? No

But do you want to re-open Downeywood?

AT

27/9

If they want to

live in Chiswell Place -

that will be the best option

Otherwise we raise one question
the whole property sale. Had
Sir Geoffrey told me he was purchasing a
country property I would not have
opened Downeywood up



Ref. A089/2444

MR TURNBULL

Sir G Howe's Accommodation

I should be grateful to know that the Prime Minister has no objection before I propose to the Lord President a solution to the problem which arose over protecting his South London house.

2. As I reported orally to the Prime Minister, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police expressed his concern about the difficulty and exposure of the Diplomatic Protection Group in guarding Sir G Howe's house in Glengall Terrace. Following my conversation with the Prime Minister, I reported this to Sir Geoffrey Howe and said that I would explore whether alternative Government owned accommodation could be offered to him which the Metropolitan Police were content to protect. The police were also unhappy about a flat owned by PSA in Ashley Gardens for someone of Sir G Howe's prominence.

3. I have asked the Metropolitan Police and the Ministry of Defence whether they can offer more secure accommodation. The Metropolitan Police have a flat in Marlborough Court, opposite Liberty's, which is used as an occasional pied-a-terre by the Chief Inspector of Constabularies, Sir Stanley Barratt. It is in a building with a concierge, and the only other flat is occupied by the National Drugs Co-ordinator. On security grounds, this would be satisfactory and Sir Stanley Barratt would be willing to surrender it, but I gather that the flat is not particularly attractive.



4. Of the Ministry of Defence properties, the flats in Kingston House North are fully occupied. There is however a house just off Millbank in Atterbury Street, which is normally occupied by the Commandant of the Royal Army Medical College but which he has vacated while it is being refurbished. He would be due to return to it next month and would no doubt be disappointed not to do so, but the Ministry of Defence would be willing to ask him either to stay where he has been during the refurbishment or to occupy the flat in Ashley Gardens, which is reasonably nearby, and to offer the house to Sir Geoffrey and Lady Howe, on the understanding that it would revert to the Commandant of the Medical College when Sir Geoffrey Howe leaves office. The Metropolitan Police have inspected this house and are content that it could be protected with a reasonable degree of security.

5. If the Prime Minister has no objection, I would propose to tell Sir Geoffrey Howe that the flat in Marlborough Court or the house in Atterbury Street could be made available and would be satisfactory to the Metropolitan Police. Sir Geoffrey Howe has warned me that he and his wife may want to insist on living in Glengall Terrace: if he decides to accept one of the alternatives, I would expect it to be the house in Atterbury Street, partly because it is more convenient to the House of Commons and partly because it has just been refurbished.

6. Would you please let me know whether the Prime Minister is content for me to proceed as proposed above.

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ROBIN BUTLER

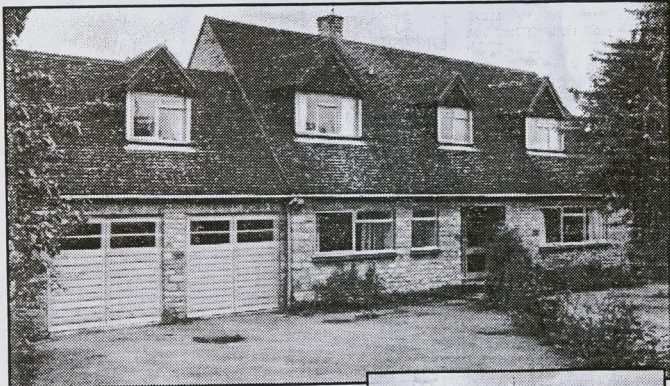
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Daily Mail, Friday, September 15, 1989

SIR GEOFFREY'S NEW RESIDENCE



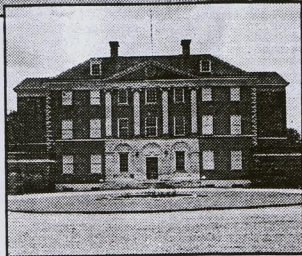
The 'semi-bungalow' and Chevening (right).

Howes buy a little place in the country

IT may not have the elegance of a stately residence, but to Sir Geoffrey and Lady Howe it could be home, sweet home.

The deputy Prime Minister has bought this modest four-bedroom house — officially described as a 'semi-bungalow' — set in a quarter of an acre in a village on the fringe of the Cotswolds. He is believed to have paid £200,000.

The property would easily fit into one of the outhouses in the 3,500 acres of Chevening House, Kent, his official residence while



By GRAHAM DUFFIL

Foreign Secretary. Its main attraction, however, is that it is near his daughter Amanda. But Sir Geoffrey, who bought the property with retirement in

mind, is unlikely to move in soon. He still retains the official residence of Dorney Wood in Buckinghamshire, which he can use as deputy Premier.

John Castle, 69, who helped build the Howes' new house said: 'I'm sure they'll quickly fit into the village.'

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PRIME MINISTER

I am sorry to have to come back to you with further problems about Sir Geoffrey Howe's London residence. They are summed up in the attached letter from the Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

You will see that he has great anxieties about the protection of Sir Geoffrey's South London house. In a nutshell the problem is that it is in an area where there is a high crime rate, and even with a police command post in the back garden the police could not rapidly reinforce the armed policeman on the front of the house. The way in which the Commissioner has put it to me is that he feels that, if the armed policeman was assaulted, it would amount to making a present to potential criminals of his weapon and ammunition. The PSA have a vacant flat in Ashley Gardens, but again the police do not think that this is satisfactory from a security point of view. You will recall that we have just had to move the Northern Ireland Secretary from Ashley Gardens on those grounds.

Sir Geoffrey does not yet know of this assessment. But I think that I must now tell him and see whether we can find an apartment for him either in a metropolitan police flat or an Army flat which can be satisfactorily guarded without too much cost. I do not suggest either unscrambling the

allocation of Admiralty House or buying an entirely new property. If the police have to protect Glengall Terrace or Ashley Gardens, they have made it clear that they will do their best. But in view of their advice and of the cost to the public purse of protecting those properties, I think that we have now to explore alternatives. But, before taking this up with Sir Geoffrey Howe, I thought that I should report this development to you.

ROBIN BUTLER

15 September 1989

From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY



NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE
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Spoke to PM who
wishes Mr Brooke to take up
residence asap, should
not wait ~~for~~
this to be pronounced
pending possibility of Sir G Home
requiring a secure home.

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Trevor Woolley
Private Secretary to
Sir Robin Butler GCB CBE
Cabinet Office
70 Whitehall
London SW1A 2AS

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July 1989

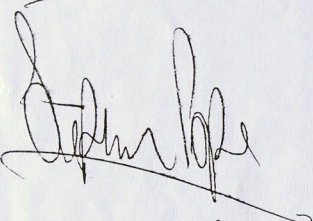
Dear Trevor

ADMIRALTY HOUSE, WHITEHALL

I am writing about two of the flats at Admiralty House which, I understand, are allocated by the Prime Minister on the grace and favour basis. I believe there are three flats at Admiralty House which, until Monday 24 July, were occupied by the Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Younger) the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (Mr King) and the Attorney General and that following the appointments made on 24 July Mr Younger will giving up his flat while Mr King and the Attorney General will remain in their present flats, leaving one flat vacant.

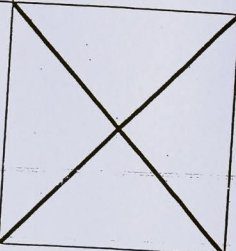
The Northern Ireland Office have entered a bid with PSA for the vacant flat (which is on the top floor) to be allocated to Mr Brooke who was appointed Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on 24 July. My purpose in writing is to reinforce that bid and to ask whether an early decision might be made to help us alleviate the serious security problem which we now face given the unsuitability of Mr Brooke's present London accommodation. Mr Brooke has two bases in London - a flat in Ashley Gardens SW1 and rooms at Brooke's club. The Metropolitan Police Special Branch (MPSB) have indicated in the strongest terms that the Ashley Gardens flat should not be occupied by Mr Brooke given the difficulty of protecting him while he is there and he is therefore having to rely, while in London, on accommodation at his club. MPSB however, regard this as only marginally better in security terms than his flat and have advised that Mr Brooke must be moved to a more secure residence as a matter of the utmost urgency.

The obvious solution would appear, therefore, to allocate the third Admiralty House flat to Mr Brooke. While no other Government Ministers have expressed an interest into moving into Admiralty House, we do need a quick decision as to whether our proposal is acceptable and I would be most grateful if you could let me know whether any additional steps could be taken to speed the decision-making process up.

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MS CHARMAN

c Mr TurnbullGovernment Residences in London

We spoke. I suggest the following line, which has been agreed with Sir Robin Butler and Mr Turnbull:

'10 Downing Street, 11 Downing Street, and 1 Carlton Gardens are the official residences of the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary^{respectively}. The Government owns other properties, including Admiralty House, which are used by Ministers who require them for their official duties, which are normally allocated on grounds of security'.

2. For your own information, there are three flats in Admiralty House, currently occupied by Mr King, Mr Younger and Sir Patrick Mayhew; and Mr Hurd lives in a Government-owned house in the Westminster area. But for security reasons, this should not be disclosed; nor should you speculate on the allocation of residences which might become vacant as a result of the reshuffle.

Tanner Woolley

T A WOOLLEY

27 July 1989



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10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Principal Private Secretary

SUBJECT cc MASTER.

SIR ROBIN BUTLER

The Prime Minister discussed with you today your minute of 5 February in which you recorded that Lord Havers had asked for an extension of his occupation of his Admiralty House flat until the end of May.

The Prime Minister agreed that Lord Havers should be granted this extension, but it had to be made clear to him that there would be no further extension beyond the end of May. Another Minister had been promised the flat and it was important that he should occupy it for reasons of security.

N.L.W.

N.L. WICKS

9 February 1988

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Prime Minister

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MR WICKS

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FERR wishes to discuss this with you at the bilateral on Tuesday. N.W. 5.2

--- I attach the reply which I have had from Lord Havers about occupation of his Admiralty House flat. You will see that he asks for an extension until the end of May.

1. I have asked Mr Battishill (without telling Lord Havers) whether a tax liability on Lord Havers is likely to arise.

3. Perhaps I could have a word about this with the Prime Minister at my next bilateral with her.

FERR.

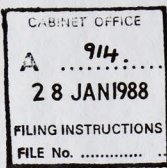
ROBIN BUTLER

5 February 1988

Mr. Batten will advise
whether Lord Havers is likely
- any extra tax liability
to be charged on after 3 April.
Pl. may know
a word with Tony
Batten will before my
next letter with the
PMB

HAVERS.

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Dear Robin:

Thank you for your letter
of 25th January.

I am very grateful
for the kindness which the Prime
Minister has shown to me but
I have a major problem.

I intend to live in
London but property is extremely
expensive. This requires me to
sell my country home. The offers
seem to vary in their estimates
of its value.

As the whole of the
proceeds of sale will have to
go towards the purchase of
London accommodation it means

Buying now very difficult.

The country house is up
for sale in April (apparently the
best time) which should mean that
I could sell & complete by the
end of May - or at least know
where I stand for a bridging
loan. I will have, as you

will appreciate at my age,
mortgage difficulties.

Is it asking too much
to have a couple of months
extension?

Perhaps we might speak

Yours ever

Michael.

PERSONAL



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10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Principal Private Secretary

25 January 1988

Dear Alex,

DORNEYWOOD

The Prime Minister told me that she asked the Chancellor on Sunday evening whether he would like to succeed Lord Whitelaw as the occupant of Dorneywood. I believe that the Prime Minister went on to suggest that the Chancellor might be prepared to make the house available to other Cabinet Ministers for weekend or for official meetings when he does not require it himself, as the Foreign Secretary does for Chevening.

I understand from the Prime Minister that the Chancellor was most grateful to be given the chance of using Dorneywood and accepted the offer.

Robin Catford here will shortly be in touch with you about detailed arrangements.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Sir Robin Butler and Robin Catford.

*Yours sincerely
Nigel Weeks*

N. L. WICKS

Alex Allan, Esq.,
H.M. Treasury

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cc Robin Catford.

10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBIN BUTLER

DORNEYWOOD

I suggested to the Prime Minister that she might want to offer the Chancellor, when she saw him on Sunday evening, the occupancy of Dorneywood in succession to Lord Whitelaw.

The Prime Minister duly did so and the Chancellor was delighted. I have now written to his Private Secretary recording the arrangements. Robin Catford here will now carry forward the next steps.

You should know that the Inland Revenue (John Isaac) confirmed with me on Friday that under present legislation and on the basis of facts known - John was ever cautious - the Chancellor's tenancy of Dorneywood would not render him liable to additional taxation.

I am sending a copy of this minute to Robin Catford.

N. L. W.

N. L. WICKS

25 January 1988

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PRIME MINISTER

TENANCY OF DORNEYWOOD

The Inland Revenue have confirmed with me tonight that under present legislation and on the basis of facts known, the Chancellor's tenancy of Dorneywood would not render him liable to additional taxation.

I wonder whether you might not want to offer the Chancellor, at dinner on Sunday, the tenancy, making the point to him that he might be prepared to make the house available to other Cabinet Ministers for weekends or for official meetings when he does not require it himself, as the Foreign Secretary does for Chevening. Sir Robin Butler has emphasised to me that his minute, which you discussed with him today, may have given too much the impression of an importunate Chancellor, which is not the case. He is naturally very keen to have Dorneywood, if it was offered.

N. L. W

N. L. WICKS

22 January 1988

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EC10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBIN BUTLER

The Prime Minister discussed with you this morning your minute of 20 January about the tenancy of Dorneywood following the retirement of Lord Whitelaw.

Although the Prime Minister has not come to a final decision, she is inclined, I think, to accept your advice that the Chancellor of the Exchequer should be the next tenant and that the Chancellor should be prepared to make the house available to other Cabinet Ministers for weekends or for official meetings when he does not require it himself. She wishes to reflect further on this before approaching the Chancellor. Meanwhile, I am in touch with the Inland Revenue about the tax aspect.

The Prime Minister also discussed with you Lord Havers occupancy of his flat in Admiralty House. She asked that you should now find an opportunity to discuss with Lord Havers the timing of his vacation of this flat. She believed that he has been treated generously and he ought to have vacated it by the end of this financial year at the very latest.

N.L.W.

N.L. WICKS

22 January 1988

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Prime Minister, B

Ref. A088/211

MR WICKS

Agp.
 You asked for advice on the tenancy of Dorneywood following the retirement of Lord Whitelaw; and for a note on which Ministers are already provided with Government accommodation.

2. The official residences for Ministers in London, and their current occupants, are:

Agree to have Dorneywood and ask him to make it available to other Ministers when he does not want it. W.C.S. 21.1

You can mention it at a bilateral (at a Sunday).

No 10 Downing Street - the Prime Minister

No 11 Downing Street - the Chancellor of the Exchequer

No 1 Carlton Gardens - the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary

Lord Chancellor's Flat, Palace of Westminster - Lord Chancellor (from February, when refurbishment is completed).

Admiralty House - three flats, occupied by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (first floor), Lord Havers (second floor) and the Attorney General (top floor). The Prime Minister has agreed that the Secretary of State for Defence should occupy the second floor flat when it is vacated by Lord Havers, I should welcome an opportunity of discussing with the Prime Minister the question of approaching Lord Havers about his leaving the flat.

"Tynwald", 62 South Eaton Place, SW1 - the Home Secretary

3. Outside London, the residences and their current occupants are:



Chequers - the Prime Minister

Dorneywood - Lord Whitelaw (I understand he will vacate the property this coming weekend)

Chevening - the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary

Bute House, Edinburgh - Secretary of State for Scotland

Hillsborough House, County Down - Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

Stormont House, Belfast - other Northern Ireland Office Ministers, as required

Cathays Park, Cardiff - Secretary of State for Wales, and other Welsh Office Ministers as required.

4. Dorneywood is owned by the National Trust. The estate comprises 215 acres. The house and surrounding gardens are administered by the Dorneywood Trust; the house itself contains 6 main bedrooms, 3 secondary bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 4 reception rooms, a billiard room, a squash court, and a self-contained caretaker's flat. The resident staff are a butler, a cook, a caretaker, a parlour maid and three gardeners, all paid from the Dorneywood Trust.

5. Under the terms of the Trust Deed, Dorneywood is available as an alternative residence to Chequers for the Prime Minister. If not required by the Prime Minister, it may be occupied by a Minister of the Crown designated by the Prime Minister. After that, the Trust permits its occupation by the Lord Mayor of London; or the United States Ambassador, in that order. Until 1977, when Chevening became available to the Government Dorneywood was traditionally the residence of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. From 1977 to 1979 it was occupied by



the then Home Secretary, Mr Rees, and from 1979 by Lord Whitelaw, first as Home Secretary, then as Lord President of the Council.

6. It is not open to the Prime Minister, as I understand the terms of the Deed, not to allocate Dorneywood to a specific Minister and make it available to any Minister who would like to use it for a weekend or evening. Rather, it should be made over to a designated Minister. As the most senior Minister not to occupy a Government property outside London, the Chancellor of the Exchequer has a strong claim; and he has indicated that he would very much welcome it being allocated to him and would like an opportunity to make his representations personally to the Prime Minister if she is disposed to allocate it elsewhere.

7. The other candidates for consideration are the Home and Defence Secretaries. The Home Secretary is almost as senior as the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and as I have explained, Dorneywood has been occupied by Home Secretaries in the past. I understand that the Home Secretary, while not bidding for the tenancy of Dorneywood, would be interested in being able to make use of it from time to time for conferences. Sir Clive Whitmore tells me that the Defence Secretary has had no aspirations to it and has never been there: he would be interested if you did not want to offer it to anyone else, subject to seeing it first, but is not pressing for it.

8. All this suggests that the solution least likely to incur rancour would be for the Prime Minister to allocate Dorneywood on strict grounds of Ministerial seniority ie to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. In doing so, the Prime Minister might care to suggest to the Chancellor that he should be prepared to make it available to other Cabinet Ministers for weekends or for official meetings when he does not require it himself, as the Foreign Secretary occasionally does with Chevening.



Conclusions

9. I recommend that the Prime Minister offers Dorneywood to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the terms in paragraph 8; and I should welcome an opportunity to discuss with the Prime Minister how Lord Havers might be approached about the vacation of his Admiralty House flat.

R.R.B.

ROBIN BUTLER

20 January 1988

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

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CABINET: Committee Structure

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SIR ROBIN BUTLER

CERTAIN CONSEQUENTIALS FOLLOWING FROM LORD WHITELAW'S
RESIGNATION

Now that Lord Whitelaw has resigned from the Government, there are a number of consequential administrative changes on which I think you will want to advise the Prime Minister. They include the following:

- (i) The Chairmanship of the various Committees which Lord Whitelaw chaired.
- (ii) Ministerial responsibility for the co-ordination of the presentation of Government publicity matters. Lord Whitelaw was the Minister responsible here and I know that Bernard Ingham found his role most valuable. You will, no doubt, wish to talk to Bernard about Lord Whitelaw's successor before advising the Prime Minister.
- (iii) The tenancy of Dorneywood. The Prime Minister has told Lord Whitelaw that he should be able to use Dorneywood for the time being. He said that he would wish to vacate it at the end of the month. She does not, I believe, wish to hurry to nominate the new tenant. The obvious candidates are, I assume, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Defence Secretary. The Prime Minister hankers, a little, after the former though I am sure that she does not wish to do anything which would cause a rancour with the latter. It might help the Prime Minister in coming to a decision on the disposition of this piece of patronage if she could be reminded which Ministers are already provided with Government accommodation.

There is another relevant matter about which you will need to advise the Prime Minister, on which I would like to talk to you first.

N. L. WICKS

10 January 1988

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Ref. A087/2353

MR WICKS

Admiralty Flat

The Prime Minister will wish to know that the Attorney General would like to accept her offer of the top floor Admiralty flat, when the Lord Privy Seal is able to move out.

2. He accepts that his tenure of the flat is tied to his tenure of office as Attorney General.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

5 August 1987

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10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Principal Private Secretary

3 August 1987

Dear Paul,

As you know, the Lord Chancellor was in touch with this office on Friday about the interior decoration of his official apartments in the House of Lords.

The Prime Minister fully understands the Lord Chancellor's wish to have this work completed as quickly as possible. She understands that the PSA have undertaken to finish the work by January. She certainly would not wish its completion to be delayed beyond then. Since the official apartments are no doubt used for representational purposes, the Prime Minister would want a first class job to be done on their renovation so that it is a tribute to British interior design. She believes too that it is important, and in everybody's interest, that the normal tendering procedures are followed in letting the contract for this work. It would be a great pity if the excellence of the design and the renovation were sullied by political criticism, for example, on the lines that the Government was not following the rules that it was laying down for local authorities. But of course, the firm which the Lord Chancellor has in mind should be given every opportunity to tender in the normal way.

The Prime Minister is sure that this is the best way of proceeding.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Robin Young in Mr Ridley's office.

Nigel Wicks

N.L. Wicks

Paul Stockton Esq
Lord Chancellor's Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

The Lord Chancellor telephoned us this afternoon with a problem about the interior decoration of his official apartments in the House of Lords. Since he seems quite agitated about it and it is possible that he may telephone you over the weekend, I minute to let you know what it is about.

The Lord Chancellor's apartments in the Lords are in poor decorative condition. Extensive modifications and renovations need to be carried out. The Havers' have obtained an estimate, for £175,000 (according to DOE), for the interior decoration - wall coverings, carpets, furniture etc. Apparently the Havers' have some acquaintance with the interior designers, Percy Bass (who DOE say are a reputable firm).

PSA procedures require this work to be put out to tender. But tendering would delay its completion until January, a date which DOE say PSA can guarantee. The Lord Chancellor is most reluctant to have this delay (though it is not clear that Percy Bass can do the work quicker). But Mr. Ridley is insisting on competitive tendering: to dispense with it would be inconsistent with the legislation requiring local authorities to go out to competitive tender, which is now before the House.

The Lord Chancellor wants you to intervene with Mr. Ridley.

I suggest that I should reply to the Lord Chancellor in the following terms:

1. You would not want to delay the completion of this work beyond January. The accommodation must be ready for occupation by then.

2. You want a first-class job done which is a tribute to British interior design, since you understand that the official apartments are used for representational purposes.

3. Clearly it is important, and in everybody's interest, that the normal tendering procedures are followed. It would be a great pity if the excellence of the design was sullied by political criticism. The firm which Lord Havers has in mind should be given every opportunity to tender in the normal way.

Agree to proceed in this way?

Yes *ms*

N.L.W.

(N.L. WICKS)

31 July 1987

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MR WICKS

Admiralty House

Thank you for your minutes of 29 June and 6 July.

2. The Secretary of State for Defence has accepted with gratitude the offer of the use of the flat now occupied by Lord Havers when it falls vacant later in the year. He would be entirely content for the flat to be used by other Ministers for the purpose of official hospitality when he does not require to use it himself.

3. He has also noted that he will be given first refusal on the first floor flat currently occupied by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, should he vacate it at some time in the future.

4. The Attorney General is very grateful for the offer of the use of the top floor flat of Admiralty House when the Lord Privy Seal has vacated it. If, however, the Secretary of State for Defence were to move down to the first floor flat now occupied by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Attorney General would hope to be considered for the flat now occupied by Lord Havers.

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~ROBERT ARMSTRONG

8 July 1987

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GOVT BUILDINGS:

Allocation of official residences May 79



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10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ADMIRALTY HOUSE

I have shown the Prime Minister your minute of 3 July in which you propose that the Attorney General should have the top floor flat of Admiralty House when the Lord Privy Seal has vacated it.

The Prime Minister is content with your proposal.

N. L. WICKS

6 July 1987

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Ref. A087/1960

MR WICKS

Agree that the A.G. should have

Yes me

the top floor flat at Admiralty House?

Admiralty House

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I understand that the Lord Privy Seal is about to move temporarily into the top floor flat at Admiralty House, while builders are at work in his home.

2. If it has not been promised to any one else thereafter, I understand that the Attorney General would very much like to be offered it. He feels that, as Attorney General for Northern Ireland, he may be at greater risk than he has been hitherto. The experts have advised that little can practicably be done to improve security at his present flat in Greycoat Place. His and his wife's peace of mind would be improved if he could be allowed to live in the top floor flat at Admiralty House. He has seen it, and is content. Of course he would have liked the flat that his predecessor has occupied; but that has been offered to the Secretary of State for Defence, who has the prior claim.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

3 July 1987



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10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

MINISTERIAL ACCOMMODATION

I have shown the Prime Minister your minute of 24 June about the future tenancy of the flat in Admiralty House, now occupied by Lord Havers.

The Prime Minister agrees that you should proceed as you suggest in your minute; in particular, Mr. Younger should be offered the second floor flat in Admiralty House when Lord Havers vacates it and should be given first refusal on the first floor flat if and when Mr. King vacates it. The Prime Minister has noted that Mr. Younger would not reside in the flat, but would use it for offering official hospitality. She wonders whether Mr. Younger might permit other ministers to use the flat for official entertaining when he was not using it so as to help increase the flat's use. Perhaps this point could be put to Mr. Younger, though I do not think the Prime Minister would want any pressure to be placed upon him if he objected to such an arrangement.

N. L. W.

N. L. WICKS
29 June 1987

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10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

MINISTERIAL ACCOMMODATION

I suggest that you agree the proposal in paragraphs 5 and 6 of Sir Robert Armstrong's minute below that Mr. Younger should have the use of Admiralty House's second floor flat for entertainment purposes, with an option on the first floor flat when Mr. King moves.

It would be worth considering whether Mr. Younger might permit other Ministers to use the flat also for official entertaining when he was not using it. This would help increase the flat's use.

Agree to proceed in this way?

Yes no

N.L.W.

N. L. WICKS

25 June 1987

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Ref. A087/1831

MR WICKS

Ministerial Accommodation

To my minute of 12 June, I attached a list of official residences available for allocation to Ministers. With his appointment as Lord Chancellor, Lord Havers will in due course be vacating his flat in Admiralty House to take up residence in the House of Lords (although I understand that some refurbishment of the Lord Chancellor's accommodation in the House of Lords is required, and that it may be a few months before it is ready for occupation). We need therefore now to consider who might have use of the flat in Admiralty House after Lord Havers leaves.

2. I have received a bid for the flat from the Secretary of State for Defence. Having recently bought a small house in central London, he does not need to reside in official accommodation. He has, however, been very conscious, since taking up his post, of the lack of dignified official premises, outside the office itself, where he can talk to foreign visitors in privacy and in an informal atmosphere and where he can offer official hospitality on a rather smaller scale and less formal basis than is possible in the likes of Lancaster House. He considers that his own requirements are not different in kind, although they may be different in scale, from those of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, who has the use of Carlton Gardens and of Chevening. On a number of occasions in recent weeks, such as the visit of the German Defence Minister for the purpose of a strictly off-the-record talk on arms control (when the two Ministers met in the waiting room at Northolt) and the

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visit of Mr Weinberger, when Mr Younger borrowed No 1 Carlton Gardens for a supper party, he felt disadvantaged by the absence of suitable official accommodation for entertainment purposes.

3. It could be argued that the flats in Admiralty House should be allocated to Ministers who wish to live in them whenever they are in London. On the other hand, Mr Younger is one of the most senior members of the Cabinet not to have an official residence; and, as Secretary of State for Defence, he has some traditional entitlement to consideration as the present equivalent of the First Lord of the Admiralty. It was in part for these reasons that the Prime Minister told Mr Younger in March 1986 (your minute to me of 18 March) that he could have first refusal on the next suitable Government flat to become available following the allocation of one of the other Admiralty House flats to Mr King - although at that time Mr Younger sought a flat to live as well as entertain in.

4. Lord Havers's flat, on the second floor, is pleasant as a place to live, but not so suitable for the purposes of official entertainment as the first floor flat now occupied by Mr King. The ideal arrangement would be to ask Mr King to move up to the second floor flat, so that Mr Younger could have the first floor flat; but it would be a little hard to ask the Kings to move out, particularly as Mr Younger does not apparently want to live at Admiralty House. So perhaps the right course would be to offer Mr Younger the second floor flat when Lord Havers vacates it, and first refusal on the first floor flat if and when Mr King vacates it.

5. On balance, I think that the case for allocating a flat in Admiralty House to the Secretary of State for Defence is a strong one, and that he should be advised that, in principle, he may expect the flat now occupied by Lord Havers to be placed at



his disposal when Lord Havers moves in to the Lord Chancellor's flat, and to be offered first refusal of the first floor flat if and when it is vacated by Mr King.

6. Until such time as Lord Havers moves, the Secretary of State for Defence might be able to make more use of the ground floor rooms at Admiralty House, which are already available for Government hospitality use.

7. If the Prime Minister agrees, I shall arrange for Mr Younger to be advised accordingly.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

24 June 1987

GOVT BUILDINGS: Official Residence May 79



The enclosed with your letter is to the last Chapter 1
1. and to be placed in the file of the case that is
and will be covered by it.

2. It will also be with your letter, the Department of State
for reference with the case file of the second case
copy of the letter, which are being furnished to
Government officials.

3. If the State Minister agrees, I shall advise you in writing
to be advised accordingly.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

25 JUN 1979

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Ref. A087/1617

MR WICKS ✓

I attach the usual note summarising the official residences available for allocations to Ministers. They are all available for continued occupation and no major structural or decorative work is expected to be carried out on any in the near future.

RA

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

12 June 1987

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Ministers' Official Residences

The official residences for Ministers in London are:

- a. No 10 Downing Street, normally occupied by the Prime Minister as First Lord of the Treasury.
- b. No 11 Downing Street, occupied by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
- c. No 1 Carlton Gardens, normally occupied by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.
- d. Lord Chancellor's Flat, in the Palace of Westminster, occupied by the Lord Chancellor in his official capacity as Speaker of the House of Lords.
- e. Admiralty House. Two flats and a pied-à-terre. These are allocated at the discretion of the Prime Minister.
 - i. Flat on the first floor (two reception rooms, a study and one bedroom, all on a grand scale) together with part of the third floor (one reception room, and two bedrooms), currently occupied by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.
 - ii. Flat on the second floor (three reception rooms and three bedrooms on a more domestic scale than the first flat), currently occupied by the Attorney General.
 - iii. Pied-à-terre on the third floor (two rooms, self-contained with bathroom and kitchen). Access is by a narrow staircase. In recent years it has had only occasional short term occupants. Arrangements have been made for temporary occupation by the Chief

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Whip for the next two or three months.

f. "Tynwald", 62 South Eaton Place, SW1, acquired in 1984 as a secure residence for the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland who continued to occupy it as Home Secretary. It comprises two reception rooms and four bedrooms plus a three roomed pied-à-terre.

2. Outside London there are:

- a. Chequers. Country residence for the Prime Minister.
- b. Dorneywood. The Prime Minister nominates the official resident. This was usually the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. From 1977 it was allocated to the Home Secretary and is currently occupied by the Lord President of the Council.
- c. Chevening. The Prime Minister nominated the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary as the official resident of Chevening in June 1981 (the nomination of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was revoked at his request in May 1980). The present Secretary of State uses the house for personal and official purposes and it has been increasingly used for Foreign Office Conferences and entertainment (and occasionally for Conferences by other Departments). Such Conferences can take place only with the express permission of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary.
- d. Bute House, Edinburgh (6 Charlotte Square). The official residence of the Secretary of State for Scotland. The present Secretary of State does not reside there permanently but does use it for official functions and guests.

e. Government Building, Hillsborough House, County Down. The official residence of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. It is also the Government Hospitality Centre for Royal visits, visiting VIPs and their staffs.

f. Stormont House, Belfast. Residence and office accommodation available for use by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and other Northern Ireland Office Ministers and Officials.

g. Cathays Park, Cardiff. Flat available for use by the Secretary of State for Wales and other Welsh Office Ministers.



- 4. Government Building, Millington House, Millington
The official residence of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. It is also the Government Reception Centre for royal visits, visiting VIPs and the Ministers and Officials.
- 5. Stewart House, Belfast. Residence and accommodation available for use by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and other Northern Ireland Ministers and Officials.
- 6. Canterbury Park, Belfast. Flat available for use by the Secretary of State for Wales and other Welsh Office Ministers.

DAS.



10 DOWNING STREET

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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

The Chief Whip would like to take up the opportunity of temporary occupancy of the two-roomed flat (plus kitchen and bathroom) on the third floor of Admiralty House. I understand that he has already reason to believe that the flat would be suitable for his needs.

The Prime Minister is content for the Chief Whip to have the temporary use of this flat.

Could I suggest that your office and the Property Services Agency now be in touch with the Chief Whip to settle details and timing.

N. L. WICKS

10 March 1987

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~~Ref. A087/649~~

MR WICKS

You asked me about the possibility of finding a Government flat in the Whitehall area for the Chief Whip.

2. The two main flats in Admiralty House are occupied by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the Attorney General. The two-roomed flat (plus kitchen and bathroom) on the third floor is vacant. It has been empty for a year, and needs decorating. We could of course arrange for Mr Wakeham to go and see it, if he was interested.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

6 March 1987

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bc RTA

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

18 March 1986

I am writing to record the brief conversation between the Prime Minister and your Secretary of State about Ministerial accommodation which took place after the Budget Cabinet this morning.

The Prime Minister explained to your Secretary of State the reasons why she thought that, despite your Secretary of State's good claims, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland should be offered the occupancy of the flat in Admiralty House formerly occupied by Mr. Brittan. Your Secretary of State should, however, have first refusal on any other suitable Government flat when one became available.

Your Secretary of State said that he fully understood the reasons for the Prime Minister's decision.

N.L. WICKS

Richard Mottram, Esq.,
Ministry of Defence.

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PERSONAL



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

MINISTERIAL ACCOMMODATION: ADMIRALTY HOUSE

I have shown the Prime Minister your minute of 13 March in which you reported that both the Secretary of State for Defence and for Northern Ireland wished to occupy the Admiralty House flat, formerly the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brittan.

The Prime Minister agreed with you that Mr. King ought, for security and other reasons, to have the flat and she authorised me to speak accordingly to the Secretary of State for Defence's office. I have done so and the Prime Minister has herself had a brief word with the Secretary of State for Defence after this morning's Budget Cabinet. He has accepted with good grace her decision. The Prime Minister has, however, told the Secretary of State for Defence that he could have first refusal on any other suitable Government flat when one becomes available and, at his request, I have written to his Private Secretary to record that offer.

N.L. WICKS
18 March 1986

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PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Mottram in Mr. Younger's office has asked that I should record your conversation with Mr. Younger this morning about Ministerial accommodation - and especially your offer that Mr. Younger should have first refusal on any other suitable Government flat when one became available.

Since I did not hear all the conversation, I would like to confirm that you are content with the draft below.

(It is not that Mr. Younger nor Mr. Mottram think that we would renege on the offer of another suitable flat. But Mr. Mottram is leaving Private Office next week and, like the good Private Secretary that he is, wants to hand on a complete set of papers to his successor!)

N.L.W.

N.L. WICKS
18 March 1986

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Amend not

Garden Rooms

My letter to

Mottram + to

Armstrong on

now go.

*N.L.W.
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CCBU

PRIME MINISTER

I understand from his Private Office that Mr. Younger accepts that Mr. King should have the Admiralty House flat formerly occupied by Mr. Brittan. There was not time to mention this at today's bilateral. But it might be nice if you could thank Mr. Younger, before or after Cabinet tomorrow, for his understanding in this matter.

N.L.W.

Nigel Wicks
17 March 1986



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

I have passed
the points below to
Mr Younger (via
PW Poltram) and
said you would
mention the matter
at Mandy's bilateral.

N. L. W.

14 March

PRIME MINISTER

MINISTERIAL ACCOMMODATION: ADMIRALTY HOUSE

I understand through the Home Secretary that Mr. (and Mrs.) King very much want the Brittan flat, especially since Mrs. King is concerned about the security aspects of their present accommodation.

So agree that Robert should accordingly persuade Mr. Younger to let Mr. King have it?

Yes mr

Do you think it tactful for Robert to promise Mr. Younger first refusal on the Havers flat, should it for any reason become vacant. Perhaps better to say "first refusal on any other suitable Government flat when one becomes available".

Agree?

Yes mr

You have a bilateral with Mr. Younger on Monday evening. Do you want to mention it then? Or ask Robert to speak to Mr. Younger later in that week?

Could you speak to him first? ^{then} I will mention it. mr

N. L. W.

N L WICKS

13 March 1986

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Ref. A086/833

MR WICKS

Ministerial Accommodation: Admiralty House

In your minute of ^{at flat} 31 January 1986 you told me that the Prime Minister thought that Mr Younger would have to have the choice of the larger flat if he needs it, but that she was really rather anxious for Mr King to move into Admiralty House as soon as practicable.

2. We have a problem. Both Secretaries of State have now seen the flat, which the Brittans have vacated. And both Secretaries of State want it.

3. Mr Younger's case is that, as Secretary of State for Defence, he stands in greater need than most other members of the Cabinet of reasonably secure accommodation; and he has some traditional entitlement to consideration as the present equivalent of the First Lord of the Admiralty. He also ranks ahead of Mr King in the order of seniority.

4. Mr King wants in any case to leave his flat in Marsham Court, which is now too big for him. His main claim, however, is that of security; it is (the Northern Ireland Office say) costing the Metropolitan Police something like £250,000 a year to protect the Marsham Court flat and it has only been made secure on a temporary, and not properly adequate, basis. Mr King is the Minister at highest risk (apart from the Prime Minister herself); and he could be both better and more economically protected in Admiralty House. Mr King has made it clear that he would want a word with the Prime Minister herself, if there were any question of allocating the Admiralty House flat elsewhere.



5. Neither Mr Younger nor Mr King would regard Mr Tebbit's flat as an adequate substitute. It is very small, and up a great many stairs. And I suppose that, because of the setback to the work at Mr Tebbit's new home, he is likely to be leaving Admiralty House later than sooner.

6. The other flat at Admiralty House is at present occupied by Sir Michael and Lady Havers. I dare say that the Prime Minister would feel that she could not ask the Haverses to leave Admiralty House to make room for Mr Younger and Mr King. I do not of course know what prospect there may be of a change of office which would entitle Sir Michael Havers in another capacity to a different official residence.

7. This is a difficult choice, and only the Prime Minister can make it. On balance my own judgment comes down in favour of Mr King, for the security reasons. I wonder whether a decision could be presented accordingly to Mr Younger, on the understanding that Mr King's need was greater but that he (Mr Younger) would be given first refusal of the flat now occupied by Sir Michael Havers, should it for any reason become vacant. If the Prime Minister wishes, I should be willing to try that out on Mr Younger, before any final decision was conveyed to Mr King.

ReA

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

13 March 1986

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Mile Gilbertson (D711)

rag to say that the Britons
will be ready to move out
of Admiralty House on or
around 2 1/2.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

MINISTERIAL ACCOMMODATION

Thank you for your minute of 30 January. This is a difficult matter. As you say, there are delicate personal as well as political considerations involved in the allocation of Ministerial accommodation following the Brittans' move from Admiralty House. On the one hand, certainly Mr King's official duties do give him great personal inconvenience and this, it could be argued, is good reason to let him occupy the Brittans' flat. It is also extremely important to provide him with accommodation with proper security as soon as possible. On the other hand, Mr Younger is the more senior Minister.

The Prime Minister's conclusion from these conflicting considerations is that she thinks Mr Younger will have to have the choice of the larger flat if he needs it. But she is really rather anxious for Mr King to move into Admiralty House as soon as practical.

I suggest therefore that as your first step, you should discuss the matter with Mr Younger.

N L WICKS

31 January 1986

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10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

You will want
to consider this
carefully.

My only comment is
that since Mr. King
has much more
difficult time generally
he deserves the
better job.

CAD

John

Yes

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I think Mr. Young
will have to have
the choice of the
larger job if he needs
it - but I really
am rather anxious to
get the thing into
House

me

Ref. A086/334

MR WICKS

Ministerial Accommodation

Thank you for your minute of 28 January.

2. I am taking steps to make sure that the Brittans are not hurried out of Admiralty House.

3. As to future tenancies, the flat now occupied by Mr Brittan will fall vacant when he leaves. The flat occupied by Mr Tebbit is expected to be vacated during the summer when his new house is ready; but thereafter it will probably need some work done on it and it might not therefore be ready for occupation again until the autumn.

4. The flat occupied by Mr Brittan is commodious and suitable for entertaining. That occupied by Mr Tebbit is, I understand, much smaller, and is up a lot of stairs.

5. There has been a kind of convention that Secretaries of State for Defence might have a flat in Admiralty House if they wanted to. Mr Pym had one; though Mr Heseltine never did. Nor did Lord Carrington in 1970 and 1973.

6. As you will remember from a previous exchange of minutes, we are committed to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to provide him with a flat in Admiralty House, on security grounds. Mr King did say that he would be content to move into Mr Tebbit's flat when Mr Tebbit vacated it, and I gather that it would be big enough for Mr and Mrs King; but they would no doubt prefer the larger flat if it was available.



7. So the position seems to be that Mr King is first in line for a flat in Admiralty House, and has slightly the stronger argument on security grounds for moving in sooner rather than later. On the other hand some of the security considerations apply to Mr Younger, and he is the senior of the two Ministers in terms of Cabinet ranking.

8. My own judgment would be to offer Mr Younger the flat now occupied by Mr Brittan, and Mr King the flat now occupied by Mr Tebbit, even though that means that the Kings will not be able to move in until the autumn. But there are delicate personal as well as political considerations involved here, and it is for the Prime Minister to decide how the flats are allocated.

9. If you give me an indication of her wishes I will negotiate accordingly with the Ministers concerned.

MS

for ROBERT ARMSTRONG

30 January 1986

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ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

The allocation of resources is a key factor in the success of any project. It involves the distribution of funds, personnel, and other resources to various activities. The goal is to ensure that resources are used efficiently and effectively to achieve the project's objectives.

One of the main challenges in resource allocation is determining the right mix of resources for each activity. This requires a thorough understanding of the project's needs and the capabilities of the resources available. It also involves ongoing monitoring and adjustment as the project progresses.

Effective resource allocation is essential for the success of any project. It requires careful planning, communication, and flexibility to respond to changing circumstances.

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20 January 1989



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

Mr. Stark

MINISTERIAL ACCOMMODATION

Mr. Brittan, while Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, occupied a flat in Admiralty House. He will, of course, need now to vacate it, but I know that the Prime Minister would want him to be given the longest possible opportunity, compatible with regulations and precedents, for moving out. I should be grateful if you could see that he is given this indulgence.

When Mr. Brittan has moved, the question of a new occupant for his flat will need to be considered. Mr. Younger expressed - and I emphasise before Mr. Brittan's resignation - having an interest in the flat in Admiralty House. You will no doubt want to consider his claim.

I do not know the arrangements for allocating Ministerial accommodation, but I assume that the Prime Minister would be involved in the decision. Could I therefore ask for advice, in due course, on the allocation of Mr. Brittan's former flat.

BF/

NLW

28 January, 1986.



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MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB
Telephone 01-~~23002322~~ 218 2111/3

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27th January 1986

Acter - hand.

N.W. Mr Wickes

*Quick off the mark!
Is this yours?*

JW

Mr in.

ADMIRALTY HOUSE

When Mr Younger took over as Secretary of State for Defence, he enquired about the possibility of his having a flat in Admiralty House. We explained that the flats were, we understood, already allocated to the Attorney General, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and Mr Younger was content to let matters rest there but asked that his interest should be registered should one of them fall vacant.

I assume that, given last week's unhappy events, one of the flats will be falling vacant in due course. Could I therefore register Mr Younger's possible interest in it - I do not know which one it is or therefore whether it will be suitable.

When matters have returned to normal perhaps you could follow this up with us and let me know where matters stand.

Your etc,

Richard

(R C MOTTRAM)

T Flesher Esq
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16 April 1985

Sir Peter Middleton KCB
HM Treasury
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Dear Peter

PROVISION OF OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION TO MINISTERS

Thank you for your letter of 1 April 1985 about the special tax and pay arrangements that apply to Ministers who occupy official accommodation.

The cost of the upkeep of No 11 Downing Street is not the responsibility of the MPO. It is the Treasury's responsibility. I think the confusion may have arisen because the MPO's cleaning staff at No 10 Downing Street also clean the public areas in No 11 at no cost to the Treasury. This is just one in a whole range of central services that the MPO and the Treasury provide to each other free of charge. I think, however, that it would be stretching the point to argue that we should reimburse the Chancellor of the Exchequer from the MPO Vote for the cost of the cleaning staff he employs to clean the 'private' areas at No 11 Downing Street.

I have asked my Finance Division to make the necessary arrangements to reimburse the Prime Minister for the cost of the cleaning staff she employs at No 10 Downing Street. They will discuss the rate of reimbursement with the Downing Street office manager and the actual mechanics of reimbursement with Robin Butler as requested in his letter of 2 April.

I am copying this letter only to Robert Armstrong, Robin Butler and Rachel Lomax.

James Muir

Anne

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

15 April, 1985.

Thank you for your letter of 3 April, which I found awaiting me on my return from the Prime Minister's visit to South East Asia. I am glad to confirm that the Prime Minister authorised the offer of a flat in Admiralty House to Mr. Tebbit because of a special threat to his security, and in the light of security advice following the Brighton bombing incident.

I am sending copies of this letter to Douglas Board and Michael Corcoran (HM Treasury).

Lest

P. Savage, Esq.,
Inland Revenue.

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an example of one of the
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ring Mr. Savage & ask him
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Mr F E R Butler
Principal Private Secretary
10 Downing Street
LONDON

Your reference

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Our reference

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Date

3 April 1985

MINISTERIAL ACCOMMODATION

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Following the recent exchange of correspondence on the tax treatment of official accommodation provided for Ministers in London, I understand from Mr Board that you would be willing to provide the necessary certification when Ministers receive accommodation for security reasons.

X | Looking through the papers the only Minister for whom I do not appear to have received a note is Mr Tebbit whom I understand from the Annex of Sir Peter Middleton's minute of 1 April now has accommodation in Admiralty House. If you could supply a note on the lines of previous minutes on this subject I will arrange for PD(Cardiff) to be informed.

I have copied this letter to Mr Board and Mr Corcoran at the Treasury.

P. Savage
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bc Mr T. Taylor

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

2 April, 1985.

Dear Anne,

The Provision of Official Accommodation to Ministers

I have seen Peter Middleton's letter of 1 April to you and I am writing to confirm that Peter Taylor will be ready to discuss with your people the rate of reimbursement to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer in respect of the cleaning of their private premises in 10 and 11 Downing Street.

When the reimbursement rate has been settled, perhaps your people could be in touch with me about the mechanics of reimbursement. If it were practicable, it would probably be most convenient if this could be done with Prime Minister's monthly salary payment.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Sir Peter Middleton.

Yours ever,

Robin Butler

Miss A. Mueller, CB,
Management and Personnel Office.

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Miss A Mueller CB
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1 April 1985

Sean Anne,

THE PROVISION OF OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION TO MINISTERS

... As you know, special tax and pay arrangements apply to Ministers who occupy official accommodation. The enclosed note explains these arrangements. I am circulating it, with a copy of this letter to Permanent Secretaries whose Ministers are affected.

The Finance Acts place a limit on the amount which is charged as an assessable benefit in respect of heating, lighting or cleaning; repairs, maintenance or decoration; or domestic furniture or fittings. At present all these services with the exception of cleaning have been supplied at public expense. There seems to be no reason to distinguish cleaning in this way, so it has been agreed that there should be a small extension to the services currently provided to include cleaning.

Departments are therefore free, from 1 April 1985, either to provide cleaning to a Minister living in official accommodation or to reimburse the cost if that is preferred. The cost of reimbursement should be no greater than would be involved if official cleaners were used.

I would strongly recommend you to follow one or other of these two straightforward courses. Variations could result in tax complications. Mr Paul Savage of the Inland Revenue stands ready to answer any general questions (his telephone number is 438 7764). Correspondence as to particular tax matters should however continue to be addressed to the Inspector of Taxes at Public Department 1.

The cost of the upkeep of No 10 and No 11 Downing Street is an MPO responsibility. The preference of both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor is to continue to employ their own cleaners and to be reimbursed at the official rate. I hope this will

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not present you with difficulties. So far as discussing the details of reimbursement with Robin Butler and Rachel Lomax is concerned, the right course might be for Peter Taylor, the Downing Street office manager, to be put in a position to take this forward.

I am copying this to Robert Armstrong, Antony Acland, Brian Cubbon, Derek Oulton, Brian Hayes, Robert Andrew, Clive Whitmore and Henry Steel; and to Robin Butler (No 10) and Rachel Lomax (Chancellor's office).

Jones

P E

P E MIDDLETON

OFFICIAL RESIDENCES

A number of Ministers* are provided with official accommodation the cost of which, and the cost of certain services such as maintenance of the accommodation, is met from public funds. This note sets out the position as regards tax and pay.

TAX POSITION

2. Although the accommodation itself is usually provided free of charge to the individual, this constitutes a chargeable benefit in kind under the provisions of Section 33 and 33A of the Finance Act 1977. Exemption from these charges is given, however, when any of the following conditions is satisfied:

(i) residence in the accommodation is necessary for the performance of the Minister's duties; or

(ii) the accommodation is provided to enable the Minister to perform his duties better, and it has been the practice to provide accommodation for that particular office-holder; or

(iii) because of a special threat to the security of the Minister, special security arrangements are in force and the Minister resides in the accommodation as part of those arrangements.

For various reasons occupation by Ministers of Chequers, Bute House, Edinburgh, Stormont, Dorney Wood and Chevening does not attract a charge under the 1977 Finance Act.

3. When accommodation is provided, certain services are also normally supplied or the Minister's expenditure on them is reimbursed. In law these services, where provided for the Minister's use in the private part of his residence, constitute a chargeable benefit in kind. The measure of the benefit is the cost of providing the service. Where, however, the accommodation is provided for one of the reasons set out above, Section 63A of the Finance Act 1976 provides that the amount to be assessed will not exceed a certain limit in respect of the following services:

* annexed

- (a) heating, lighting or cleaning
- (b) repairs, maintenance, or decoration
- (c) domestic furniture or fittings.

The limit is 10 per cent of his taxable Ministerial salary, less any contribution made towards the cost of those services. Of course, if a Minister pays in full for any of these services, and is not reimbursed, there is no benefit.

4. Other services which may be provided are not subject to this limit. The Minister will be liable to tax on the full cost of providing the Service but usually, for example with the telephone, the Minister will reimburse the cost of private use and as there is no private benefit, there is no tax liability.

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5. Under the terms of the House of Commons' Resolution of 20 December 1971, Ministers and London Members receive a Supplementary London allowance. But, if a Minister holds an Office "in respect of which an official residence is provided from public funds" he is not paid this allowance. The Resolution has been taken to mean that the allowance is lost only in those cases where a paid office-holder is living in official residential accommodation which, in accordance with tradition or as a result of an ad hoc decision, he has been offered as the holder of the office in question on the footing that he can live there while he holds that office. In practice, this means that most Ministers living in official accommodation lose their London Weighting allowance.

MINISTERS LIVING IN OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR ONE OF THE REASONS
SET OUT IN THE 1977 FINANCE ACT

Prime Minister	10 Downing Street
Chancellor of the Exchequer	11 Downing Street
Foreign Secretary	Carlton Gardens
Lord Chancellor	House of Lords
Mr Brittan	Admiralty House
Sir Michael Havers	Admiralty House
Mr Tebbit	Admiralty House
Mr Hurd	

Notes

- (1) Residence on an ex officio basis shown by title; for security reasons, shown by name.
- (2) The 1977 Finance Act is not confined to Ministers (eg it embraces the Speaker).

HM TREASURY
March 1985

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

15 January 1985

Admiralty House

I am writing formally to confirm that the Prime Minister would be delighted for your Secretary of State to occupy the pied a terre on the top floor of Admiralty House.

Mr Tebbit may find it helpful to have the enclosed note which sets out the current tax treatment of occupation of official residences in these circumstances. He should also be aware that Ministers who occupy official residences are usually ineligible for the London supplement. Mr Peter Kemp of HM Treasury can provide further advice on these points, and on the question of which expenses can normally be regarded as part of the provision of accommodation.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Ballard (Department of the Environment) and to Peter Kemp (HM Treasury).

Callum McCarthy Esq
Department of Trade and Industry

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PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION FOR MINISTERS

Under the provisions of Section 33 of the Finance Act 1977, there is no liability to tax in respect of the provision of accommodation for an employee or office holder if either -

- (a) it is necessary for the performance of his duties that he should reside in the accommodation; or
- (b) the accommodation is provided to enable him to perform his duties better, and it has been the practice to provide accommodation for that particular class on employees or office holders to which he belongs; or
- (c) because of a special threat to the security of the employee or office holder, special security arrangements are in force and he resides in the accommodation as part of those arrangements.

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry's use of the Admiralty House Accommodation would fall within category (c) and no liability to tax should therefore arise on his occupation of that accommodation. The Secretary of State would be taxable in respect of the services provided for his personal use, but the amount on which he is taxed would in no circumstances exceed 10% of his Ministerial salary, less any contribution he makes to the cost of those services. The basis of liability would however be the actual cost if this is less than 10% of his salary.

The Property Services Agency will provide details of the actual cost of services, but any correspondence as to the amount taxable should be carried on between the Secretary of State (or his accountants) and his Inspector of Taxes.

PRIME MINISTER

MR. TEBBIT

You may like a progress report on Mr. Tebbit's accommodation plans.

One of Mr. Tebbit's Private Secretaries, together with the person responsible from the PSA, have been over the Admiralty House flat. It is said to be a little bare, and in need of some re-decoration, but basically comfortable. PSA are ready to put the re-decoration in hand as and when DTI give the go-ahead, and arrangements will be made thereafter for Mrs. Pattie to have a look at the flat. It can be ready by 14 January.

These plans have, however, been thrown into some disarray by conflicting advice from the Special Branch. As you know, Mr. Tebbit's own detectives originally advised that he should not return to the Barbican. I understand, however, that more senior people in the Special Branch are now taking the opposite view. The Secretary of State is naturally annoyed at this vacillation, and at the consequent inconvenience to others (not least yourself). His present inclination would be to return to the Barbican if the Special Branch confirm their latest opinion, which he expects them to do early next week. He would then stay there until one of the Westminster houses can be suitably modified.

If this is indeed how things turn out, you might like to look again at the possibility of offering the Admiralty House flat to John Wakeham.

4 January 1985

PRIME MINISTER

I have so informed
Murdo Maclean.

F.R.B.

27.11.

Thinking ahead to the time when John Wakeham will become independent again, Murdo Maclean has pointed out to me that the pied-a-terre at the top of Admiralty House is vacant. It is small, but it has two bedrooms which could be occupied by John Wakeham and a housekeeper during the week. It also has a lift and is protected.

I think that I ought to be able to persuade the Inland Revenue that John Wakeham would qualify for the favourable tax treatment on security grounds. I am planning to go with Murdo to look at the rooms this week. If that visit confirms that the pied-a-terre would be suitable for John Wakeham, and if I can then negotiate reasonable terms with the Inland Revenue, would you be willing in principle that John Wakeham should *in due course* have this pied-a-terre?

F.R.B.

I have already mentioned it to
Norman - while he is waiting for
Rayant who works in State Bankers
for some time longer.

26 November 1984

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FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Duty clerks.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S - SECURE LONDON RESIDENCE

For obvious security reasons it is important not to couple the Secretary of State and his family with the secure South Eaton Place address in unclassified correspondence or over open telephone lines.

2. We have therefore designated the property by the nickname "Tynwald".
3. I should be very grateful if addressees would use the nickname in any unclassified correspondence or discussions on telephones. Those who need to know should also be told the meaning of the nickname.
4. The Secretary of State should be advised not to quote his address in Who's Who or other publications/directories. I am minuting with separate advice about the Secretary of State and family personal mail.

S C WAGHORN
Security Section

8th November 1984

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29 October 1984

Dear David

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND: DOMESTIC SECURITY

I have seen a copy of David Coleman's letter to you of 17 October about the possible purchase of a secure London home for Mr Hurd and his family, and your reply of 22 October.

I can confirm that the PSA are in touch with the Police about the purchase of the lease of this property and are ready to move just as soon as they can be given the go-ahead. The lease would be taken in the name of my Secretary of State and the property would then form part of the Government's civil estate so long as requirement for it remained. I understand that the purchase price is expected to be around £300,000, but the exact figure would be determined by the District Valuer.

As with other Ministerial residences, PSA would levy an "accommodation charge" on the Northern Ireland Office under the normal Property Repayment Service (PRS) arrangements. This is fully in line with the arrangements for other official residences.

A copy of this letter goes to David Coleman.

Yours ever

A C Allberry

A C ALLBERRY
Private Secretary

David Barclay Esq

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

22 October, 1984.

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland:
Domestic Security

Thank you for your letter of 17 October to David Barclay. The Prime Minister welcomes the proposal to provide Mr. Hurd and his family with a more secure London home, and agrees that appropriate expenses arising from his occupation of 62 South Eaton Place should be met from public funds in line with the arrangements which already apply to occupants of the Admiralty House flats.

Your Secretary of State may find it helpful to have the enclosed note which sets out the tax position in these circumstances. Mr. Peter Kemp of HM Treasury can provide further advice both on the points set out in the note and on the question of which expenses can normally be regarded as part of the provision of accommodation.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Ballard (Department of the Environment).

SECRET

David Coleman, Esq.,
Northern Ireland Office.

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PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION FOR MINISTERS

Under the provisions of Section 33 of the Finance Act 1977, there is no liability to tax in respect of the provision of accommodation for an employee or office holder if either -

- (a) It is necessary for the performance of his duties that he should reside in the accommodation; or
- (b) The accommodation is provided to enable him to perform his duties better, and it has been the practice to provide accommodation for that particular class of employees or office holders to which he belongs; or
- (c) Because of a special threat to the security of the employee or office holder, special security arrangements are in force and he resides in the accommodation as part of those arrangements.

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland's use of 62 South Eaton Place would fall within category (c) and no liability to tax should therefore arise on his occupation of that accommodation. The Secretary of State would be taxable in respect of the services provided for his personal use, but the amount on which he is taxed would in no circumstances exceed 10% of his Ministerial salary, less any contribution he makes to the cost of those services. The basis of liability would however be the actual cost if this is less than 10% of his salary.

The Property Services Agency will provide details of the actual cost of services, but any correspondence as to the amount taxable should be carried on between the Secretary of State (or his accountants) and his Inspector of Taxes.

E.E.BUTLER

MR. BARCLAY

I have spoken to Mr. Kemp who was already aware of this particular proposal. He confirms that the position as set out in Mr. Butler's letters of 21 July 1983 concerning the occupancy of 1 Carlton Gardens and the first floor flat in Admiralty House still applies.

Mr. Kemp thinks Mr. Hurd may have some difficulty so far as the Inland Revenue is concerned over the suggestion that he should not pay for heating and other services. He would be liable to be taxed in respect of services provided for his personal use.

On the public expenditure side occupants should pay for private telephone calls, cleaning and personal servants.

Mr. Hurd will also lose approximately £900 a year paid as a supplement to Members who are in receipt of a parliamentary salary as holders of ministerial office except any such Member in respect of whom an official residence is provided from public funds (see clause 30 of Appendix D TSRB Report No 20 attached)

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19.10.84

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FROM: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

cc Margaret O'Mara (HMST)



Prime Minister⁽¹⁾

NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE

WHITEHALL

LONDON SW1A 2AZ

David Barclay Esq
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

It seems reasonable for
Mr Hurd's new home to be treated
on the same basis as the Admiralty
House flats.

17 October 1984

Content, subject to any comments
from the Chancellor or the Environment Secretary?

Yours Mr Barclay,

Yes
not
Dmb
17/10

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND: DOMESTIC SECURITY

1. I understand that the Prime Minister is aware that the Security authorities have advised that as the Secretary of State's London home is virtually impossible to make secure, Mr Hurd and his family should move from it as soon as possible. Recent events have given this a new urgency.
2. Officials have identified a property for Mr Hurd and his family at 62 South Eaton Place. The house is well-protected having been previously occupied by the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, and is on the market. The Property Services Agency are negotiating with the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police to lease or buy the house; and it should be possible for the Hurd family to move into it when the necessary redecoration and fitting-out have reached an appropriate stage. Meanwhile they will spend as much time as possible either in Northern Ireland or at their country cottage, where protection is easier.
3. We are still discussing with the PSA whether the property at South Eaton Place should be acquired as a permanent addition to the government estate, so that it could be used to provide a secure London home, either for the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland or for another Minister. Meanwhile, we have to consider the terms on which Mr Hurd should move into the accommodation. As it is the risk attaching to his present post which makes it necessary for him to leave his existing home and move into more expensive accommodation, our view is that he should not be charged rent, or expected to pay for heating and other services. We understand that this would be in line with the arrangements made for Ministers who have had to leave their homes because of terrorist threats and are now accommodated in Admiralty House.
4. I should be grateful, therefore, if you would seek the Prime Minister's agreement to appropriate expenses of the South Eaton Place property (analogous to those waived for Admiralty House 'tenants') being met from public funds.
5. I am copying this to the Private Office of the Secretary of State for the Environment.

Yours sincerely,
David Coleman

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

5 September 1983

Tax treatment of Ministerial Residences

I enclose, as promised, a note on the tax treatment of Ministerial residences. You will see from this that when the provision of accommodation for an employee or office holder fulfils one of the conditions in paragraph one - and on the face of it I would have thought that accommodation provided for members of the Household would normally fall under 1(b) - there is no liability for tax on provision of the accommodation, and liability for tax on services provided is limited to 10% of salary, less any payment which the occupant makes towards the cost of those services.

F. E. R. BUTLER

The Rt. Hon. Sir Philip Moore, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., C.M.G.



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

5 September 1983

Many thanks for your letter of 31 August and for speaking to Sir Roy Strong about the Home Secretary's wish to borrow some items from the V&A for display in his flat in Admiralty House. This is very helpful, and I will ask Tony Rawsthorne to arrange for someone to be in touch with Sir Roy Strong, as you suggest.

E. E. R. BUTLER

Miss Mary Giles,
Office of the Minister for the Arts.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'MB'.



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From the Minister for the Arts

31 August 1983

F E R Butler Esq
Principal Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
SW1

Dear Robin

We spoke on the telephone about the Home Secretary's wish to borrow some objects from the V&A for display in his flat in Admiralty House.

I have had a word with Sir Roy Strong about this. In principle he would be very happy indeed to help. There is, however, a slight difficulty because the V&A is now rather short of objects which can be loaned because of the heavy demands made on them. If someone could let Sir Roy know exactly what the Home Secretary has in mind he will then see what can be done.

Sir Roy is on holiday until next Tuesday but if the Home Secretary's office would like to contact him in the middle of next week, he will certainly be available to discuss the Home Secretary's wishes.

Yours ever

May Giles

MISS M G E GILES
Principal Private Secretary



HOME OFFICE
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE
LONDON SW1H 9AT

5 August 1983

PERSONAL

Dear Robin,

ADMIRALTY HOUSE

In your letter of 21 July you asked what work the Home Secretary had in mind at Admiralty House and for an estimate of the cost.

I should perhaps have made it clear in my previous letter that no structural work is envisaged. As you know, the flat has not been occupied for some time and the decorations and some of the furnishings are in a run down state. The PSA themselves would wish it to be brought up to a standard appropriate to the status of the occupant and to the likely entertainment commitments. They are prepared to undertake at their own expense, at a cost of rather less than £1,500, necessary cleaning and redecorating; and to arrange for other miscellaneous work to be undertaken, including some retiling, the provision of a small new work top, and two additional electric sockets, and the replacement of light fittings, at about the same total cost, to be met by the Home Office. The Home Office is ready to meet this expenditure within its existing financial provision. In addition the PSA will provide some new curtains, and new floor covering in the kitchen; and will provide a few further items of furniture. The details have not yet been finalised, and so I cannot give a firm estimate, but again the Home Office is prepared to meet this expenditure.

I should add that the Home Secretary has himself obtained the loan of a number of items of furniture from private sources.

Perhaps I could also mention that the Home Secretary would very much like to borrow some small objects from the Victoria and Albert Museum, not of course from its public collection, for display in the flat. He recognises that the V & A may be reluctant to lend items that will not be on public display, but he will be entertaining at Admiralty House people of distinction from various walks of life, including on occasion foreign visitors, who would see the items. The security at Admiralty House is, of course, very good, but the Home Secretary would be very ready to take the V & A's advice on any further precautions, and about such matters as temperature and humidity levels. They would, of course, be very welcome to inspect the premises. I should be extremely grateful if you were prepared to write to the V & A to ask them if they could agree to lending a few articles for display at Admiralty House on this basis.

I have
put the
Home
Secretary in
direct touch with

Sir Roy Strong through Mary Giles.

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5.6.

Yours ever,
Tony

A R RAWSTHORNE



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Date 26 July 1983

Dear Robin,

ADMIRALTY HOUSE

Robina Dyall has passed me a copy of your letter 21 July.

I am writing to say that I am able to accept your letter as confirmation that the requirements of Section 33(4)c of the 1977 Finance Act are met in relation to Mr Brittan's occupation of the first floor flat in Admiralty House.

I am copying this letter to Tony Rawsthorne (Home Office), Roger Bright (Department of the Environment), Robina Dyall and Ken Walters (PD - Cardiff). Mr Walters will ensure that Mr Brittan's accountants are conversant with the method of computing the charge for services outlined in your fourth paragraph.

Yours sincerely,

Pete Driscoll

P J A DRISCOLL

30 JUL 1983

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

21 July 1983

We spoke about the tax treatment of No. 1 Carlton Gardens, which Sir Geoffrey Howe occupies as Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary.

I have been advised that under the provisions of Section 33 of the Finance Act 1977, there is no liability to tax in respect of the provision of accommodation for an employee or office holder if either -

- (a) It is necessary for the performance of his duties that he should reside in the accommodation; or
- (b) The accommodation is provided to enable him to perform his duties better, and it has been the practice to provide accommodation for that particular class of employees or office holders to which he belongs; or
- (c) Because of a special threat to the security of the employee or office holder, special security arrangements are in force and he resides in the accommodation as part of those arrangements.

The provision of accommodation for the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary at No. 1 Carlton Gardens falls within category (b) and no liability to tax therefore arises on the part of the holder of his office in respect of that accommodation. He is taxable in respect of the services provided for his personal use in the private part of the residence, but the amount on which he is taxed will in no circumstances exceed 10% of his Ministerial salary, less any contribution which he makes towards the cost of those services. The basis of liability is however the actual cost if this is less than 10% of his Ministerial salary.

The Property Services Agency will provide details of the actual cost of services, but any correspondence as to the amount taxable should be carried on between the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary (or his accountants) and his Inspector of Taxes.

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I am copying this letter to Roger Bright (Department of the Environment) and Robina Dyall (Chairman's Office, Board of Inland Revenue).

E E R. BUTLER

Brian Fall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office..



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

21 July 1983

PERSONAL

ADMIRALTY HOUSE

I am enclosing a formal letter to you about the Home Secretary's occupation of the Admiralty House flat which it may be convenient for the Home Secretary to be able to show to the tax authorities.

The phrase in your letter of 20 July about "certain works that the Home Secretary would like done" in the flat caught the Prime Minister's eye. She has asked me to find out from you how extensive these works are and what is the PSA's estimate for carrying them out.

Could you please let me know this?

E. E. R. BUTLER

Tony Rawsthorne, Esq.,
Home Office.



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

21 July 1983

Admiralty House

Thank you for your letter of 20 July. The Prime Minister would be delighted for the Home Secretary to occupy the first floor flat in Admiralty House.

I have been advised that under the provisions of Section 33 of the Finance Act 1977, there is no liability to tax in respect of the provision of accommodation for an employee or office holder if either -

- (a) It is necessary for the performance of his duties that he should reside in the accommodation; or
- (b) The accommodation is provided to enable him to perform his duties better, and it has been the practice to provide accommodation for that particular class of employees or office holders to which he belongs; or
- (c) Because of a special threat to the security of the employee or office holder, special security arrangements are in force and he resides in the accommodation as part of those arrangements.

The Home Secretary's use of the Admiralty House flat falls within category (c) and no liability to tax therefore arises on his occupation of that accommodation. The Home Secretary is taxable in respect of the services provided for his personal use, but the amount on which he is taxed will in no circumstances exceed 10% of his Ministerial salary, less any contribution he makes to the cost of those services. The basis of liability is however the actual cost if this is less than 10% of his salary.

The Property Services Agency will provide details of the actual cost of services, but any correspondence as to the amount taxable should be carried on between the Home Secretary (or his accountants) and his Inspector of Taxes.

I am copying this letter to Roger Bright (Department of the Environment) and Robina Dyal (Chairman's Office, Board of Inland Revenue).

E. E. R. BUTLER

Tony Rawsthorne, Esq.,
Home Office.

From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

RESTRICTED

Prime Minister
You may like to see that the
Home Secretary would like to have the
use of the Admiralty House flat. Agree?

HOME OFFICE
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE
LONDON SW1H 9AT

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20.7.



20 July 1983

Dear Robin,

Yes - what is the
Junior will work for
the 'certain works'
to be done?

ADMIRALTY HOUSE

You kindly mentioned to the Home Secretary some time ago that the first floor flat at Admiralty House might be available for his occupation during his tenure of office as Home Secretary.

The Home Secretary and Mrs Brittan have seen the flat, and we have been in touch with the PSA about certain works that the Home Secretary would like done there and about the financial arrangements. As you know, the Home Secretary would qualify for favourable financial treatment on the ground that it is necessary for him to reside at Admiralty House on security grounds. The Home Secretary's protection officers have been concerned about certain aspects of the security at his present London home and would regard Admiralty House as much more satisfactory in this respect.

The Home Secretary is content with these arrangements and would very much like to move to Admiralty House. He would be glad to know whether the Prime Minister agrees that he may do so.

I am copying this letter to John Ballard.

Yours ever,
Tony Rawsthorne

A R RAWSTHORNE

Robin Butler, Esq

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20-JUL-1983

cc: Robin Butler

20 June 1983

Thank you for your letter of 17 June about the third floor flat above No.12 which has been used by successive Chancellors but which you suggested might be made available for the new Chief Whip.

As I told you when we chanced to meet on Friday, I am afraid that the Prime Minister had already decided that the accommodation would be required to help provide for additional staff requirements in No.10. Accordingly the flat had not been allocated to Mr and Mrs Lawson (who will have only the first/second floor flat) and was already in process of being converted for its new role.

However, I have had a word this morning with Robin Butler about another small flat within the Prime Minister's allocation (but not in Downing Street) which might possibly be available for Mr and Mrs Wakeham. There will, however, be tax problems to consider and Robin will let you know about this when he has had a chance to clarify matters.

ROBIN CATFORD

Murdo Maclean Esq
Chief Whip's Office



Government Chief Whip
12 Downing Street, London SW1

17th June 1983

Dear Robin,

As I understand it, the small flat in No 11 which has been used by successive Chancellors of the Exchequer was originally built for the use of the Chief Whip. The then Chief Whip, Martin Redmayne, had a house nearby and decided against using it. Since then, it has remained in the use of the Chancellor of the day.

It is likely that Mr Lawson's requirements for accommodation will be relatively modest and I would therefore like to propose a discussion between him and the Chief Whip with a view to securing the use of the flat by Mr and Mrs Wakeham. Before doing so however I should be grateful to learn that you have no objection to my doing so.

*Yours etc,
Murdo Maclean*

MURDO MACLEAN

J R Catford Esq
Secretary for Appointments
10 Downing Street
London SW1

PRIME MINISTERALLOCATION OF OFFICIAL RESIDENCES

The only issue which arises to be decided on Sir Robert Armstrong's minute below is the allocation of the accommodation in Admiralty House.

The flat on the first floor - which is quite a grand one - has been empty since Mr. Nott left it; and it would be a pity to leave it empty indefinitely. As you know, the difficulty of filling this accommodation is that one of the three conditions in the first paragraph of the memorandum attached to Sir Robert's minute has to be satisfied if the accommodation is not to become exorbitantly expensive for the occupant. The three Cabinet Ministers who could satisfy the security consideration are the Home Secretary, the Defence Secretary and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Would you like me to offer the flat to Mr. Brittan or, failing him, to Mr. Heseltine? I imagine that, since no question has arisen of Mr. Prior wanting it so far, he is unlikely to want it from now on.

As regards the pied-à-terre on the third floor of Admiralty House, the only thought which occurs to me is that it might be useful for Alan Walters when he returns to London for his consultancy arrangements. Would you agree that I might offer it to him, if I can get it past the Inland Revenue and the DOE that it should be made available to him on reasonable financial terms?

By all means ask - but doubt whether 'reasonable' terms are achievable. F.R.B.

not.

Note:

I have offered the first floor flat to the Home Secretary, Alan Walters does not need the pied a terre because he has other arrangements at his disposal.

F.R.B.

30.6.

15 June 1983

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MR BUTLER

Allocation of Official Residences

--- I attach at Annex A the usual note summarising the official residences available for allocation to Ministers. They are all available for continued occupation and no major structural or decorative work is expected to be carried out on any in the near future.

2. There has recently been some change in the taxation position of official residences. Ministers are liable for taxation in respect of the benefits (heat, light, furniture, etc.) provided in official residences and may in certain circumstances, also be liable to tax on the annual value of the accommodation; and, from 6 April 1984, on the "additional value" where appropriate. The exceptions are Chequers (exempt by statute), Bute House and Stormont House (occupied solely for official purposes), and Chevening and

--- Dorneywood (made available by a trust). I attach a detailed note on the tax treatment of Ministerial residences which has been prepared by the Inland Revenue.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

10 June 1983

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MINISTERS' OFFICIAL RESIDENCES

1. The official residences for Ministers in London are:
 - a. No 10 Downing Street, normally occupied by the Prime Minister as First Lord of the Treasury.
 - b. No 11 Downing Street, occupied by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
 - c. No 1 Carlton Gardens, traditionally occupied by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, but not at present used by him.
 - d. Lord Chancellor's Flat, in the Palace of Westminster, occupied by the Lord Chancellor in his official capacity as Speaker of the House of Lords.
 - e. Admiralty House. Two flats and a pied-a'-terre. These are allocated at the discretion of the Prime Minister.
 - i. Flat on the first floor (2 reception rooms, a study and one bedroom, all on a large scale) together with part of the third floor (one reception room, and one bedroom), traditionally occupied by the Secretary of State for Defence but currently vacant.
 - ii. Flat on the second floor (3 reception rooms and 3 bedrooms, on a more domestic scale than the first flat), currently occupied by the Attorney-General.
 - iii. Pied-a'-terre on the third floor (2 rooms, self-contained with bathroom and kitchen). Access is by a narrow staircase. In recent years it has had only occasional short term occupants.
2. Outside London there are:
 - a. Chequers. Country residence for the Prime Minister.
 - b. Dorneywood. The Prime Minister nominates the official resident. This has usually been the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary but since 1977 it has been the Home Secretary, who was nominated on the understanding that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary could use the house for official entertainment, or for a private stay if the Home Secretary was not proposing to use it himself. In practice this is however less likely since Chevening has been designated as the country residence of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary.
 - c. Chevening. The Prime Minister nominated the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary as the official resident of Chevening in June 1981 (the nomination of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was revoked at his request in May 1980). The house is officially known as the country residence of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

*You have decided that
 He should continue to
 go to W.W.*



The present Secretary of State has not used the house for purely personal purposes and it has been increasingly used for Foreign Office Conferences and entertainments (and occasionally for Conferences by other Departments). Such Conferences can take place only with the express permission of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary.

- d. Bute House, Edinburgh (6 Charlotte Square). The official residence of the Secretary of State for Scotland. ✓
- e. Stormont House, Belfast. Residence and office accommodation available for use by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and other Northern Ireland Office Ministers and Officials. ✓

TAX TREATMENT OF MINISTERIAL RESIDENCES

1. Accommodation

1. Under the provisions of Section 33 of the Finance Act 1977, there is no liability to tax in respect of the provision of accommodation for an employee or office holder if either -

- a. it is necessary for the performance of his duties that he should reside in the accommodation; or
- b. the accommodation is provided to enable him to perform his duties better, and it has been the practice to provide accommodation for that particular class of employees or office holders to which he belongs; or
- c. because of a special threat to the security of the employee or office holder, special security arrangements are in force and he resides in the accommodation as part of those arrangements.

2. The provision of accommodation for the Prime Minister at No.10 Downing Street, for the Chancellor of the Exchequer at No.11 Downing Street, for the Foreign Secretary at No.1 Carlton Gardens, for the Defence Secretary at Admiralty House and for the Lord Chancellor at the House of Lords, falls within category b. and no liability to tax therefore arises on the part of any holder of those offices in respect of that accommodation.

3. The provision of accommodation for other Ministers at Admiralty House would come within category c. so long as Ministers occupying that accommodation were subject to special security arrangements, and whilst that situation persisted there would be no liability to tax on their part in respect of that accommodation.

4. For various reasons occupation by Ministers of the following residences does not attract a charge under Section 33, Finance Act 1977: Chequers; Bute House, Edinburgh; Stormont, Belfast; Dorney Wood; Chevening House.

5. All other Ministers occupying Government accommodation would be liable to tax under Section 33, Finance Act 1977, on the annual value of the accommodation - and from 6 April 1984 on the "additional value" where appropriate (Section 21 of Finance Act 1983).

II. Services

6. Where an office holder or employee earning £8,500 a year or more is provided with services (such as light, heat, maintenance, furniture and so on) in addition to accommodation those services give rise to a taxable benefit in kind. The tax charge in respect of services such as light, heat and maintenance is based on the actual cost of providing them. Where the benefit takes the form of items such as furniture and paintings, which remain the property of the person providing the benefit, the tax charge is based on 20% of their market value when they were first provided (10% if this was on or before 5 April 1980) (Section 63(5) of Finance Act 1976). The Property Services Agency will provide details of the actual cost of services provided, including the value of furniture and paintings, but any correspondence as to the amount taxable should be addressed to the Inspector of Taxes at Public Department 1.

7. However, where by virtue of Section 33(4) of Finance Act 1977 an office holder or employee is exempt from tax on the value of living accommodation, Section 63A of Finance Act 1976 provides that the amount taxable in respect of any services, etc., provided shall not exceed 10% of the emoluments of the

office or employment to which the benefits relate, less any payment he makes towards those services. Accordingly, Ministers occupying accommodation which is exempt by reason of Section 33(4) of Finance Act 1977 must pay tax on the services provided for their personal use in the private part of their residences, but the amount on which they are taxed will in no circumstances exceed 10% of their net ministerial salary, less any contribution they make towards the cost of those services. Where in any tax year the accommodation is not made available to the Minister for the complete year, ie where it is first made available or ceases altogether to be available at some time during that year, then the amount of his salary (for the purpose of the 10%) and the cost of services are adjusted as appropriate.

Example: A Minister (salary £20,000) is appointed on 6 April. On 5 July he takes up residence in an official flat and retains that flat until 5 April following. The charge under Section 63A is restricted to

$$\frac{9}{12} \times \frac{10}{100} \times £20,000 = £1,500$$

This limit would remain the same even if the Minister spent every weekend and the whole of each Parliamentary recess elsewhere.

8. All other Ministers occupying Government accommodation are taxable in respect of the services provided for their personal use on the actual cost of those services and the annual value of furniture, etc.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

21 January 1983

Thank you for your letter of 19 January about arrangements for charges paid by Ministers in respect of apartments in Admiralty House. I am glad to hear that the present arrangements will not be affected.

I should be surprised if the FCO were willing to accept a charge for the second floor flat, since this will be occupied by the Attorney General; or that the MOD would be willing to accept a charge for the first floor flat, since this will by then have been vacated by Mr. Nott. But this is a matter which Roger Bright, to whom I am copying this letter, will no doubt consider.

I am also copying this letter to Robina Dyall (Board of Inland Revenue).

E. E. R. BUTLER

John Kerr, Esq.,
HM Treasury

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Treasury Chambers, Parliament Street, SW1P 3AG
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F E R Butler Esq
No 10

19 January 1983

New Rep'n.

You wrote to me on 31 December about the arrangements for charges paid by Ministers in respect of apartments in Admiralty House which they occupy; and whether these arrangements would be affected when Departments adopt the Property Repayment Service system from 1 April.

I am advised that the introduction of PRS will not, of itself, affect the position of the occupants. The new system is concerned only with the attribution of costs to Departments. I understand that the intention is that the MOD should be charged for the first floor flat at Admiralty House, and the FCO for the second floor one. The vacant flat on the third floor will be charged to the MPO.

For the Ministers concerned, nothing changes, for the charge to tax depends on the provision of the benefit, not the identity of the provider, as was explained in Peter Driscoll's helpful letter of 6 January.

Copies of this letter go to Robina Dyall (Inland Revenue) and Roger Bright (DOE).

*Yours ever,
John Kerr.*

JOHN KERR
Principal Private Secretary

Gov. BUILD: Allocation of Official Residences: May 79.

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Your reference

Our reference

PS 28/712/76
Date

6 January 1983

Dear Sir,

1. Robina Dyall has passed me a copy of Robin Butler's letter to you of 31 December and I thought you might like a short note on the technical background.

2. The change to the system of Property Repayment Service on 1 April will not in principle affect either Ministers' exemptions from tax (under Section 33(4) of Finance Act 1977) in respect of their occupation of official residential accommodation or the charge under Section 61 (as restricted by Section 63A) of Finance Act 1976 in respect of running costs. The charge to tax depends on the provision of the benefit, not on the identity of the provider.

3. Ministers whose occupation does not fall within Section 33(4) - at present none so far as I know - cannot benefit from the provisions of Section 63A and would be liable on the full amount of expenditure incurred on:

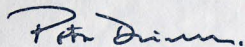
- (a) heating, lighting and cleaning;
- (b) repairs, maintenance and decoration; and
- (c) the provision of furniture and effects.

Again it is immaterial whether the expenditure is finally borne by the PSA or by another Department. Section 63A does not apply to mitigate this charge.

4. Contributions by Ministers are treated as follows. Where Section 33(4) and Section 63A apply the charge is limited to 10% of the net emoluments of the (ministerial) office less the full amount of any contribution towards costs. So a Minister with net ministerial emoluments of £20,000 who paid £2,000 towards his Department's contribution to PSA in respect of running costs would have a taxable benefit of £Nil. This would be so whether his Department's expenditure was £2,000 or £20,000. Where Section 33(4) and Section 63A do not apply contributions by the employee (Minister) are simply deducted from the amount of the expenditure. So, if the PSA spends £20,000 in a flat and recovers that amount from a Department which in turn recovers £2,000 from a Minister, the Minister's taxable benefit will be £18,000 (in addition to the annual value of his occupation).

5. I hope these notes are helpful. I am copying this letter to Robin Butler (No.10), Roger Bright (Department of the Environment), Mr Meadows (Treasury LG Division) and Robina Dyall.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Driscoll".

P J A DRISCOLL

Govt Bldgs, May 79, Official Residences

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

31 December 1982

I have been corresponding with Roger Bright in the Secretary of State for the Environment's Office about some points on the occupancy of the flats in Admiralty House. In the course of that correspondence, Roger Bright has mentioned that the change to the system of Property Re-payment Service on 1 April 1983 will make it necessary for Departments to pay over to the PSA charges in respect of apartments in Admiralty House occupied by their Ministers.

This raises a question about whether there should be any change in the arrangements covering charges to the occupants. Hitherto, Ministers occupying such accommodation by reason of their employment have been liable to tax under section 63(a) of the 1976 Finance Act in respect of the running costs of the accommodation, which is limited to tax on 10% of the Minister's net emoluments from the relevant employment. If Ministers were required to reimburse to their Departments part or all of the charges paid by the Department to PSA, that would presumably affect this arrangement; but it may be that honour would be satisfied on all sides if, as regards Ministers, the present arrangement were maintained, i.e. that the Department did not recover from the Minister any of the charges being paid to PSA under the Property Re-payment Service, but Ministers continued to be liable to tax under section 63(a) of the 1976 Finance Act as at present.

It would be helpful if this point could be cleared up as a matter of general procedure before the switch to Property Repayment's Service takes place. Could I ask for your advice on it, in consultation with Robina Dyall (Inland Revenue), to whom I am copying this letter. I am also sending a copy to Roger Bright (Department of the Environment).

E. E. R. BUTLER

John Kerr, Esq.,
HM Treasury.

JK



2 MARSHAM STREET
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My ref:

Your ref:

22 DEC 82

Dear Robin

FLATS IN ADMIRALTY HOUSE

We spoke about the Secretary of State for Defence's occupation of Admiralty House and the possible change in arrangements in the new year and I promised to follow up our conversation with details in writing.

At the moment the Secretary of State for Defence occupies the first floor flat and members of his family also occupy part of the third floor. The rooms on the two floors are joined directly by a staircase. PSA does not receive any rent or other receipts for this accommodation. However, the Secretary of State has a liability under the Finance Act 1977 to pay extra tax for the benefit of using this residence. I understand that, in practice, this amounts to tax on 10% of his salary as a Minister.

If Mr Nott were to continue to occupy a flat in Admiralty House after ceasing to be Secretary of State, it is possible that the same 10% arrangement may apply if the occupation were on security grounds. However, the Finance Act deals with accommodation provided for a person "by reason of his employment"; and Inland Revenue would need to take a view on whether it applied to accommodation provided by reason of a former employment and, if so, what sum the 10% would apply to. This is a matter on which it would clearly be advisable to approach Inland Revenue. I understand Willie Rickett in your office has contact from time to time with Inland Revenue Policy Division on this subject.

Occasionally the question has come up of the Admiralty House flats being occupied by people other than the usual Ministerial title-holders. Generally, nothing has come of this, possibly because it is clear that a market rent for the flats would be very high. Recently, the second floor flat has been occupied by the Marshall of the Diplomatic Corps while his own official residence was being refurbished. Charges are being levied for fuel and utilities but no rent payment is being made. We understand, however, that his salary is abated by 7½% in lieu of rent.

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From 1 April 1983 PSA will be recovering rent and other costs from Government Departments for their accommodation on the Civil estate under a system known as PRS (Property Repayment Service). Under PRS, MOD will be paying PSA in 1983/84 for the first floor flat of Admiralty House and MPO will be paying for the third floor flat. From that date, any question of recovering charges from occupants of those flats will be a matter for MOD and MPO.

I believe that, if a charge were levied on any of the occupants, it may affect their tax liability but this is something on which Inland Revenue could advise. PSA would also wish to be consulted before any charge were raised because of the risk of creating a tenancy with security of tenure.

*Yours sincerely,
R Bright*

R BRIGHT
Private Secretary

Robin Butler Esq

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Your reference

Our reference

Date

20 December 1982

Dear Richard,

I am writing following Robin Butler's letter to you of 16 December.

The tax position in relation to Mr Nott's occupation of the accommodation on the third floor of Admiralty House is that he will continue to be liable to tax under Section 63A, Finance Act 1976 in respect of the running costs of the accommodation so long as he holds office. As you know, the charge under Section 63A is limited to tax on 10 per cent of the employee's net emoluments from the relevant employment. He is not liable to tax in respect of the annual value of the accommodation (Section 33(4)(b) Finance Act 1977).

If Mr Nott remains in occupation after he ceases to hold any official position there can be no charge to tax either in respect of the annual value of the accommodation (Section 33, Finance Act 1977) or of its running costs (Section 63A). This is because those Sections apply only to employees and office holders. It may be helpful if I explain that while for this purpose Mr Nott's tenure of his seat as Member of Parliament for St Ives is not relevant, any other public office he might occupy after he ceased to be Secretary of State for Defence would need to be considered. Please contact me directly if you need clarification of any point.

I am copying this to Robin Hyler at No 10 and to the London representative of our Cardiff office, David Mason.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Driscoll

P J A DRISCOLL



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

16 December 1982

Dear Richard,

You asked me on the telephone whether the Prime Minister would agree that Mr. Nott could continue to occupy the accommodation on the third floor of Admiralty House until 31 March, if he ceased to be Secretary of State for Defence before then. The reason for this suggestion was the possibility that, it would probably occur to any terrorists that he would be likely to return to his London house after ceasing to be Secretary of State for Defence, where he would be an easier target for an attack: if he did not return immediately, this threat would be reduced. The Prime Minister fully agrees that it would be wise for Mr. Nott to stay in Admiralty House until 31 March. Unless a requirement for the first floor flat emerges - and there is no such requirement at present - the Prime Minister would be content for Mr. Nott to remain in his present accommodation, and in any case to retain the rooms on the third floor, until 31 March.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretary to the Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue who will advise you on the taxation consequences.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Butler

Richard Mottram, Esq.,
Ministry of Defence

E. R.

✓ Ange

9/12 done

Many thanks. I have so informed the Foreign Secretary's office. Pl. ring Mr. McGlone and say that I am most grateful.

ROBIN

ADMIRALTY HOUSE FLAT

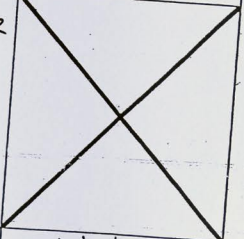
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Mr McGlone telephoned to say that everything is going according to your wishes : Lady Havers realises that she must be out by 18 January; Mr McGlone says the PSA can get the bulk of the work done by then and whatever is left over can be done after occupation: the PSA will move in on Tuesday 14 December, the day after the Richards move out.

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ROBIN

Admiralty House Flat:

Do you wish yourself to speak to Mr McGlone? If you do, his number is 928-7999 ext 2466

Angela

I spoke to Mr. McGlone who told me that lady Havers had seen the flat but had told him that there was no hurry for the move and that she would not be able to talk to him about colour etc. until she returned from the Christmas holiday on 10 January. I urged him to get in touch with lady Havers again, ~~also~~ ^{after} confirming that the Richards had moved, and say that it would be a great help to PSA if they could use this gap to get on with the work.

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I asked him to report back in the middle of next week.

I also spoke to Brian Falk and suggested that the Foreign Secretary should speak to the Attorney General if he wanted Gordon Gadowby 17 Jan.

Pf. B.F. again on 8.12.

F.R.B.

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ROBIN

PSA can start on the Monday, 20 December
and will liaise with Lady Havers.

I hope I haven't taken too much into my
own hands! And that nothing goes wrong.

ATX

25.11.82

PS Mr Mcglone (PSA) is going to ring us
as soon as he can let us know how long
decorations etc will take at the
Admiralty House flat, in consultation
with Lady Havers

25.11.82

D. R.

Ange

Could you have a further word with Mr. McGlone saying that it looks as if the Attorney General will want to move in on 17th January. Could PSA get the necessary work done if the Marshal of the

ROBIN

I have spoken to Mr McGlone of Dip Corps re: the PSA, who is waiting to be told when the present incumbent at the Admiralty House flat is moving out so that any alterations can be done then. He said that Lady Havers had been to the flat and he agreed with her that PSA would be on hand to undertake any decorations. No one has said to Mr McGlone to start on a particular date. It seems as if the Marshall of the Diplomatic Corps must be given a precise date, in order to get things moving, unless the Attorney General has some definite date of his own.

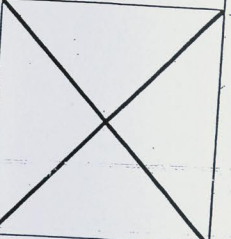
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I showed the Attorney General
around the flat today. He
will now arrange for his wife
to see it.

MR. BUTLER

FERS

16.11.

I have flagged Willie Rickett's
letter of 30 November (to which DOE drew
my attention) about the Attorney-General's
tax liability when he moved to
1 Carlton Gardens.

You will see that he is not liable
(because of the security angle) as far as
accommodation is concerned but is liable,
up to 10 per cent of salary, for services
provided - see also the note attached to
W.R.'s letter.

DOE have told me that, if the
Attorney does move, he will not incur
a heavier liability than at present.

J.P.

16 Nov. 1982

ROBIN

Mr Swingler has been replaced by Mr McGlone

I have told him about the plan to see
the 2nd Floor Flat. He suggests that you
make for the reception desk at Admiralty
House and he will meet you there.

*June
confirmed*

I said I would ring and confirm this
when we know that 12.00 is all right
by Major Blewitt.

Angele

15.11.82

*P.S. So far as you know,
Lady Havens isn't coming?*

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PRIME MINISTER

1 CARLTON GARDENS

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As you know, the Attorney General and Lady Havers have the use of the flat at 1 Carlton Gardens. You agreed that they could stay there for so long as he is in office, but made it clear that you felt obliged to maintain the tradition that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary of the day should have first call on it.

The Foreign Secretary told me recently that he and Mrs Pym, having previously hesitated to disturb the Havers, had now come to the conclusion that it would be of real benefit to them to have 1 Carlton Gardens. Their own London flat is very small and cannot be used for entertaining. As you know, the reception rooms in Carlton Gardens are already used for official entertainment by the FCO.

Mr Pym has mentioned this to the Attorney General, making it clear that he is not in any hurry and does not want to force him and Lady Havers out until they have been able to find another base.

As it happens, the second floor flat in Admiralty House will become available in December when the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, who now uses it, will move into St James's Palace. Mr Pym would be quite content to wait until then.

Do you agree that I should offer the Attorney General the second floor flat in Admiralty House instead of 1 Carlton Gardens ?

Yes
mf

I think that it would be safe to offer the second floor flat to the Attorney General for as long as he remains in

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office: in January the first floor flat occupied by
Mr Nott will presumably become available in case you want
to offer it to anyone else.

F.R.B.

2 November 1982

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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

ADMIRALTY HOUSE - 2ND FLOOR FLAT

Mr Pym asked me to go and call on him on Thursday 21 October and said that, having considered it further, he and Mrs Pym thought that they would be greatly assisted in his present job if they could live in 1 Carlton Gardens. He had seen the Attorney General the previous night and mentioned this to him. Sir Michael Havers had not responded enthusiastically but, subject to a further conversation with his wife, Mr Pym thought that he ought gently to insist. I said that it had been made clear to the Attorney General that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary of the day continued to have first call on 1 Carlton Gardens and that I would be prepared to raise this with Sir Michael Havers when Mr Pym wanted me to. It would obviously be helpful if Mr Pym could be flexible over timing - he indicated that he would be - so that I could offer Sir Michael Havers (if the Prime Minister agreed) the second floor flat in Admiralty House which would shortly be vacated by the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps.

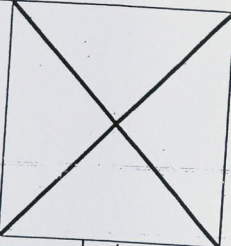
We agreed that Mr Pym would have a further word with his wife and that I would explore what was the earliest date at which the second floor flat in Admiralty House could be ready for Sir Michael Havers. We would then have another word, and I would consult the Prime Minister before opening up the matter with the Attorney General.

F.R.B.

22 October 1982

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

30 July 1982

Admiralty House - 2nd Floor Flat

Thank you for your letter of 28 July 1982 about the second floor flat in Admiralty House.

Your letter must have crossed with mine of 27 July to Major Blewitt, and you will see from your copy of my letter that we do not now believe that the flat in Admiralty House will be needed for a Minister before the end of the year.

CAW

B.D. Swingler, Esq.,
Property Services Agency.

RJ



Department of the Environment

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Our ref

Your ref

Date

28 July 1982

Dear Mr. Whitmore,

ADMIRALTY HOUSE - 2ND FLOOR FLAT

1. Thank you for the copy of your letter of 13 July to Major Blewitt. Perhaps you could let us know in due course if there will be any changes at 1 Carlton Gardens.
2. Please note that Roger Peal has moved to pastures new and his replacement is Brian Glicksman. I understand you are shortly due to move as well, so please accept my best wishes for your new post.

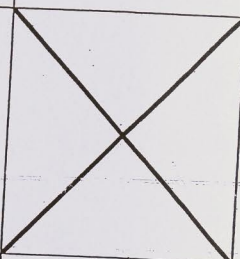
Yours sincerely,

B. D. Swingler

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now Mr McGLONE
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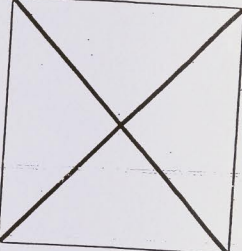
The Foreign Secretary had a further word with me today about 1 Carlton Gardens.

He said that he and Mrs. Pym had given a great deal of thought to whether they should ask the Attorney General to move out of 1 Carlton Gardens. They feared that, given that the Attorney General was hoping to stay there until the end of the Parliament and even though he had been warned that the Foreign Secretary continued to have first call on the residence, to ask him to move out might give rise to resentment on the part of the Havers and cause bad feeling between the two families. He and Mrs. Pym believed that this would be too much of a burden for them and they had therefore decided not to pursue for the time being the question of moving into 1 Carlton Gardens.

JWW.

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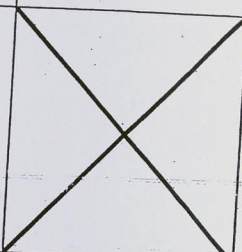
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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

13 July 1982

Dear Major Blewitt,

ADMIRALTY HOUSE : 2ND FLOOR FLAT

You had copies of the exchange of correspondence last September between Peal of the PSA and me about the proposal that the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps should be provided temporarily with a flat in Admiralty House while his residence in St James's Palace was being refurbished.

At that time it was thought that the Marshal's residence would be out of use for ten to twelve months. I should be grateful if you could let me know when you now think General Richards will be ready to move out of Admiralty House and into his residence in St James's Palace. The reason for my question is that it is likely that we shall need the flat in Admiralty House which the Marshal now occupies for a Minister some time before the end of the year.

I am sending copies of this letter to Eustace Gibbs (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Roger Peal (Department of the Environment).

Yours sincerely,

Shane Blewitt

Major Shane Blewitt MVO

NOTE FOR THE RECORD1 CARLTON GARDENS

Mr Pym had a word with me this morning to say that, in the light of his three months' experience as Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, he and Mrs Pym had come to the conclusion that there would be advantage in his moving into 1 Carlton Gardens. He recognised that this might cause difficulties for the Attorney-General and Lady Havers, who were occupying the flat at present, and he and Mrs Pym were in no hurry to take up residence there. The autumn or even the end of the year would do. He wondered whether the Attorney-General could move into the flat in Admiralty House which the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps was occupying temporarily while his own residence in St James's Palace was being refurbished and which he was due to vacate before long.

He was very anxious to proceed carefully for he did not wish to upset the Havers.

I said that it had been made clear to the Attorney-General when he moved into 1 Carlton Gardens that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary of the day continued to have first call on the flat. I would establish, as a first step, how soon the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps could move out of Admiralty House and back to his own residence in St. James's Palace. I would keep in touch with the Foreign Secretary.

JAW.

13 July 1982



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4 December 1981

Dear Mr Swingler

MINISTERIAL OCCUPATIONS
FINANCE ACT 1977

Many thanks for your letter of 2 December and the lists of ~~former~~ tenants of the official residences.

Will request copy if required

Of course, the question of Mr Pym's status is strictly one for him to sort out with the Revenue and we shall get in touch with him direct. For the future, I shall be very glad if Ministers enquiring about the tax consequences of occupying these residences can be referred in the first instance to the Secretariat at No. 10 (currently Mr Rickett) who hold an up to date and accurate statement of the legal position. We for our part shall always be happy to answer detailed enquiries from individual Ministers. I am sure that you will appreciate that such a procedure will avoid misunderstandings and possible embarrassments.

I am copying this letter to Peter Jenkins (Treasury) and Willy Rickett (No. 10).

Yours sincerely

P J A DRISCOLL



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Will request copy if required

Many thanks for your letter of 2 December and the lists of ~~former~~ tenants of the official residences.

Of course, the question of Mr Pym's status is strictly one for him to sort out with the Revenue and we shall get in touch with him direct. For the future, I shall be very glad if Ministers enquiring about the tax consequences of occupying these residences can be referred in the first instance to the Secretariat at No. 10 (currently Mr Rickett) who hold an up to date and accurate statement of the legal position. We for our part shall always be happy to answer detailed enquiries from individual Ministers. I am sure that you will appreciate that such a procedure will avoid misunderstandings and possible embarrassments.

I am copying this letter to Peter Jenkins (Treasury) and Willy Rickett (No. 10).

Yours sincerely

P J A DRISCOLL



LAW OFFICERS' DEPARTMENT
ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE
LONDON, WC2A 2LL

J. Nursaw

LEGAL SECRETARY.

2 December 1981

W Rickett Esq
Prime Minister's Office
10 Downing Street
LONDON S W 1

Prime Minister 4

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Dear Willie,

Thank you for your letter of
30 November about 1 Carlton Gardens.
The Attorney General is grateful for
the arrangements which have been made
for him and I think that he has had
the opportunity to thank the Prime
Minister personally.

*Yours ever,
Jim*

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

30 November 1981

I understand that the Attorney General, who has moved into the official residence at 1 Carlton Gardens, has asked if he can stay there so long as he is in office.

The Prime Minister is content for Sir Michael to do so, subject to two points:

- (a) She feels obliged to maintain the tradition that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary of the day should have first call on 1 Carlton Gardens;
- (b) The Foreign and Commonwealth Office will continue to use the reception rooms for official entertainment. The Prime Minister understands that these rooms have separate entrances from the street, and hopes that this arrangement will not cause the Attorney General any problems.

As you know, the Attorney General becomes liable under the Finance Act 1977 to pay extra tax as a charge for the benefit of using this residence. This tax liability is smaller for Ministers in certain categories, including those who are subject to special security precautions, and who reside in the accommodation provided as part of those precautions. As a matter of fact the Attorney General falls into this category, and the Prime Minister has ruled that he should be treated accordingly for tax purposes. I attach a note by the Inland Revenue which sets out the rules on this question in more detail.

I am copying this letter to Marsha Fenwick (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Peter Jenkins (HM Treasury) and Helen Ghosh (Department of the Environment).

W. F. S. RICKETT

Jim Nursaw, Esq.,
Law Officers' Department

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TAX TREATMENT OF MINISTERIAL RESIDENCES

1. Accommodation

1. Under the provisions of Section 33 of the Finance Act 1977, there is no liability to tax in respect of the provision of accommodation for an employee or office holder if either -
 - a. it is necessary for the performance of his duties that he should reside in the accommodation; or
 - b. the accommodation is provided to enable him to perform his duties better, and it has been the practice to provide accommodation for that particular class of employees or office holders to which he belongs; or
 - c. because of a special threat to the security of the employee or office holder, special security arrangements are in force and he resides in the accommodation as part of those arrangements.
2. The provision of accommodation for the Prime Minister at No. 10 Downing Street, for the Chancellor of the Exchequer at No. 11 Downing Street, for the Foreign Secretary at No. 1 Carlton Gardens, for the Defence Secretary at Admiralty House and for the Lord Chancellor at the House of Lords, falls within category b. and no liability to tax therefore arises on the part of any holder of those offices in respect of that accommodation. The former office of Commonwealth Secretary also fell within b. and the former Lord Privy Seal's (Sir Ian Gilmour) occupation of No. 1 Carlton Gardens was treated accordingly.
3. The provision of accommodation for other Ministers at Admiralty House would come within category c. so long as Ministers occupying that accommodation were subject to special security arrangements, and whilst that situation persisted there would be no liability to tax on their part in respect of that accommodation.
4. For various reasons occupation by Ministers of the following residences does not attract a charge under Section 33, Finance Act 1977: Chequers; Bute House, Edinburgh; Stormont, Belfast; Dorney Wood; Chevening House.

All other Ministers occupying Government accommodation will be liable to tax under Section 33, Finance Act 1977, on the annual value of the accommodation.

II. Services

6. An office holder or employee earning £8500 a year or more, who is provided with services (such as light, heat, maintenance, furniture and so on) in addition to accommodation, is taxed on the cost of such provision as a benefit in kind. Section 63A, Finance Act 1976 (inserted by Section 34, Finance Act 1977) provides that where by reason of Section 33(4) Finance Act 1977 he is exempt from tax on the accommodation, the amount taxable in respect of any services provided shall not exceed 10 per cent of the emoluments of the office or employment to which the benefits relate, less any payment he makes towards those services.

7. Ministers occupying accommodation which is exempt by reason of Section 33(4), Finance Act 1977, are therefore taxable in respect of the services provided for their personal use in the private part of their residences, but the amount on which they are taxed will in no circumstances exceed 10 per cent of their Ministerial salary, less any contribution they make towards the cost of those services. The basis of liability is however the actual cost if this is less than 10 per cent of their salary. Where the accommodation is only available to the Minister for part of the year, then the amount of his salary (for the purpose of the 10 per cent) and the cost of services are adjusted as appropriate.

8. The Property Services Agency will provide details of the actual cost of services, but any correspondence as to the amount taxable should be carried on between the individual Minister (or his accountants) and the Inspector of Taxes.

- 1. MR. WHITMORE *✓ MWJ 27x1*
- 2. PRIME MINISTER

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If you are content for him to do so, I suggest we add a couple of minor provisos:

- (a) that you feel obliged to maintain the tradition that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary of the day has first call on 1 Carlton Gardens;

Yes

and

- (b) that the FCO ~~should be allowed to~~ *will* go on using the ~~public~~ *reception* rooms for official entertainment. These rooms have a separate entrance from the street, so this arrangement should not cause the Attorney-General any problems.

Presumably the floor is already in the office - reception rooms at No. 10.

There is one other point. The Attorney-General becomes liable to extra tax as a charge for the benefit of this residence. This tax liability is much smaller for Ministers in certain categories, including those "subject to special security precautions". The Inland Revenue will look to you for a ruling on whether Sir Michael Havers falls in this category. As a matter of fact, the Attorney-General is the subject of special security precautions, and will almost certainly remain so for the life of this Parliament. So I think it would be perfectly justifiable for you to rule that he falls into this category for the purpose of his tax liability. Agree?

Yes he does not.

WBR

Yes not

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Govt Building

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- 2. PRIME MINISTER

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There is one other point. The Attorney-General becomes liable to extra tax as a charge for the benefit of this residence. This tax liability is much smaller for Ministers in certain categories, including those "subject to special security precautions". The Attorney-General is clearly in this category at the moment, but the Inland Revenue may argue that a time may come when he is not, and that his tax liability should be reviewed at least once a year. *Would you like:-*

(a) to rule that the Attorney-General falls into the category of Ministers subject to special security precautions, and so settle this question once and for all?

or

(b) to leave the Inland Revenue free to review the Attorney-General's position if they think fit. If you prefer to follow this course, I will naturally warn the Attorney-General that his tax liability may be subject to review.

Marsha Fenwick.

WILLIE

1 Carlton Gardens Flat

The Foreign Office would like a letter for their file about Sir Michael Havers moving into the flat at 1 Carlton Gardens.

I will write to them if you like but will need to know if Sir M. Havers is moving in indefinitely.

Sue

19 November 1981



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10 DOWNING STREET

- 1 Mrs Whitmore *HW*
- 2 Prime Minister *16/6*

HW

The Attorney General

Sir Michael has confirmed that he would welcome temporary accommodation in an official residence. I have put his office in direct contact with the PSA, who tell me they can make available the residence in Carlton Gardens. I have explained the position on tax liability to Sir Michael's secretary.

I have also asked Sir Michael's Office to confirm whether or not Mrs Carew-Hunt had adequately insured her house. The Home Office tell me there is no legislation under which she could claim compensation, but that in the last resort a case could be put to the Treasury for an ex gratia payment.

WBR

16/6



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

24 September 1981

Official Residences

You had a word with me, in the wake of last week's Ministerial reshuffle, about the allocation of official residences.

I have taken some soundings to see whether we could find some new occupants for the residences which are now vacant, including No.1 Carlton Gardens, but there are no takers. I have consulted the Prime Minister, and she agrees that we have no alternative but to leave No.1 Carlton Gardens and the pied-à-terre on the third floor in Admiralty House vacant for the time being. As I mentioned to you on the telephone, the Prime Minister has recently agreed that the second floor flat in Admiralty House should be lent to the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps while his residence in St. James' Palace is being renovated next year.

C A WHITMORE

Jeremy Colman, Esq.,
Civil Service Department.

PRIME MINISTER

OFFICIAL RESIDENCES

There are, as you know, two flats and one pied-à-terre in Admiralty House which are in your gift.

The flat on the first floor is occupied by Mr. Nott.

You recently agreed that the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps should be allowed the temporary use of the flat on the second floor for the whole of next year while his residence in St. James' Palace is being renovated, subject to our being able to claim it back at any time should it be required for a Minister.

The pied-à-terre on the third floor is unoccupied at present.

Among the other residences at your disposal is No. 1 Carlton Gardens. This was occupied by Sir Ian Gilmour when he was Lord Privy Seal. It is now vacant.

We have enquired whether Mr. Atkins would like to take over No. 1 Carlton Gardens but he does not wish to do so (you may remember that he earlier declined the offer of a flat in Admiralty House when he was Secretary of State for Northern Ireland). The Foreign Secretary accepts that you may now wish to offer the flat to another Minister, though he hopes that you will agree that the tradition that the Foreign Secretary of the day has first call on No. 1 Carlton Gardens should not be forgotten. Further, whoever occupies the flat in No. 1 Carlton Gardens, the FCO will want to go on using the public rooms for official entertainment. I am sure that causes no problems.

We have considered from time to time over the last two years whether there were any Cabinet Ministers who might welcome the offer of an official residence, in addition to those who already have them, but we have drawn a blank.

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Hence the vacant flats in Admiralty House. I have now considered whether any of the Ministers who entered the Cabinet last week might be interested in occupying either one of the flats in Admiralty House or No. 1 Carlton Gardens. It seems to me that ^{the} only one of them who would qualify for the lower tax liability arising from the occupation of an official residence is Lady Young on the grounds that it would help her in the performance of her duties as Leader of the Lords to have a residence close to the Palace of Westminster. I have sounded her out on this entirely without prejudice to any decision you might take on the allocation of residences but she has concluded that she does not want to be considered for one of the official flats.

Unless there is another Cabinet Minister to whom you would like to offer an official residence, I think that this means that we have to leave No. 1 Carlton Gardens and the pied-à-terre in Admiralty House vacant for the time being and we let the offer of the second floor flat in Admiralty House to the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps stand. Agree?

JMW

Yes
not23 September 1981



Grant
Bobby

File A4

ccs FCO
& Ring Purse

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

9 September 1981

Dear Paul,

ADMIRALTY HOUSE : 2ND FLOOR FLAT

You wrote to Willie Rickett on 7 September 1981 seeking the Prime Minister's approval for the suggestion that the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps should be provided temporarily with a flat in Admiralty House next year while his residence in St James's Palace is being refurbished.

Roger du Boulay also wrote to me on 7 September to let me know that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary supported this proposal.

I have now consulted the Prime Minister, and she has agreed to the temporary use of the flat for the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, subject, as you say, to the need to claim it back at any time should it be needed for a Minister.

I am sending copies of this letter to Roger du Boulay and to Shane Blewitt.

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Yours sincerely,

Robert Whelan

R S Peal Esq.,
Department of the Environment.



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Property Services Agency
London Region

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Our Ref: LRE/3006/71

7 September 1981

W Rickett Esq
Prime Minister's Office
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

Prime Minister

Agree to the proposal re X/blew?
The letter below covers Lord Carrington's
support for what is suggested.

Dear Rickett

Yes
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ADMIRALTY HOUSE - 2ND FLOOR FLAT

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The flats at Admiralty House are in the gift of the Prime Minister. The second floor flat has been vacant since May 1979, despite the nomination of a number of prospective occupants, largely because of the tax liability incurred by Ministers when they occupy. You will find the arguments rehearsed on your files.

My colleagues who look after Royal Palaces have been approached by the Lord Chamberlain's Office to find temporary accommodation for the Marshal-designate of the Diplomatic Corps, Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards. He succeeds Lord Michael Fitzalan-Howard on 1 January 1982. The Marshal is provided with a residence in St James's Palace where he and his wife are expected to entertain foreign diplomats. The residence is to be refurbished when the present Marshal retires and will be out of use for 10-12 months.

✓ It occurs to us that the second floor flat at Admiralty House would fit this requirement very well. Major Blewitt of the Queen's Household, who is responsible for finding the Marshal's temporary accommodation, has seen the flat and agrees. He had been authorised by the Foreign Office to seek accommodation on the market at a rent of up to £250 a week (about £12,000 plus rates and other costs). The use of Admiralty House would result in a significant saving in public expenditure which ought to be made unless the Prime Minister anticipates offering the flat to another Minister in the near future.

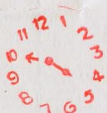
X) I would be grateful if you would seek the Prime Minister's approval in principle to this temporary use of the second floor flat, subject to the need to claim it back at any time should it be required for a Minister. If she is not happy with this suggestion we need to make alternative arrangements quickly so I would be grateful for an early reply.

I am copying this letter to Mr R du Boulay (FCO) and to Major Blewitt.

Yours sincerely
R S Hall

R S HALL

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

10 April 1981

Thank you for your letter of 8 April,
about Admiralty House.

I am sure that the Prime Minister will
be entirely content with the arrangements
you describe, on the understanding that this
would have to be reviewed in the event of a
tenant taking over the third floor pied-a-
terre.

M. A. Pattison

R. S. Peal, Esq.



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8 April 1981

Mr M Pattison
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

Dear Pattison

ADMIRALTY HOUSE

I thought I should report that the Secretary of State for Defence moved into the first floor flat in Admiralty House on 6 April. So far we have received no requests for furniture that could not be supplied from existing stocks and there has been no works expenditure apart from normal maintenance.

Mr and Mrs Nott do wish, however, to have the use of two bedrooms from the empty third floor pied-a-terre to add to the accommodation on that floor which goes with the first floor flat. PSA would have no objection to this rearrangement; one of the rooms properly belongs to the flat and was 'borrowed' during the previous administration with our agreement. We have told Mrs Nott that the other bedroom might have to be returned to the pied-a-terre should any future tenant require it. It would involve us in no costs above those already anticipated for moving a fire door from one doorway to another.

I would be grateful for your agreement to this minor adjustment.

Yours sincerely
R S Peal

R S PEAL

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

12 February 1981

Dear Brian

Thank you for your letter of 10 February, about Admiralty House. I can confirm that the Prime Minister would be pleased to see Mr. Nott occupy one of the flats.

I believe you are already aware of the arrangements for tax liability as a result of the 1977 Finance Act. You will need to resolve details with DOE and perhaps the Inland Revenue. As I understand it, the basic distinction is between Ministers who need to be accommodated and those who do not. There are three criteria defining the first category: a Minister who:

- (i) necessarily occupies a residence; or
- (ii) occupies for the better performance of his duties and the holder of this post customarily occupies the residence; or
- (iii) is subject to special security precautions.

In such cases, his tax liability is based on the cost of services (including 10 per cent of the cost of furniture and pictures) or 10 per cent of Ministerial salary, whichever is the less. If he satisfies none of these posts, his liability is based on the gross rateable value of the residence, the payment made in lieu of rates and the cost of services.

/ As you

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R E S T R I C T E D

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As you probably know, Mr. Mulley occupied one of the Admiralty House flats as Minister of Defence, and he stayed in occupation for several years after the passage of the 1977 Finance Act, so I take it that the Minister of Defence was deemed at that time to satisfy one of the tests.

I am sending copies of this letter to David Edmonds (Department of the Environment), Peter Jenkins (H.M. Treasury) and Jeremy Colman (Civil Service Department).

Yours ever

Mike Pattison

B. M. Norbury, Esq.,
Ministry of Defence.

R E S T R I C T E D

MR. PATTISON

Admiralty House flats

Your note below.

I think we should mention the tax question to Defence - in case they are not aware of it. The background is given in DOE's letter of 16 July 1979.


I would expect the Secretary of State for Defence to be exempt on security grounds - and I see from the list attached to DOE's letter that Mr. Mulley, when Secretary of State for Defence, continued to occupy a flat in Admiralty House after the 1977 Finance Act.

Mr. Nott would, however, still have to pay the 10 per cent in respect of heat, light, furniture, etc., although this cannot exceed 10 per cent of salary.

I suggest that you write to Defence, confirming the Prime Minister's agreement to the allocation of this flat to Mr. Nott, and suggest that, if they have not already considered the tax question, they should discuss with the DOE Private Office. They should in any case make arrangements with DOE for Mr. Nott to move in.

Copies of your letter should go to DOE and the CSD.

11 February 1981





10 DOWNING STREET

Miss Poster

Advice pl - do we
need to raise the
tax issue?

MAJ

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2HB

Telephone 01-218 2111/3 (Direct Dialling)

01-218 9000 (Switchboard)



MO 17/9

10th February 1981

Prime Minister

Dear Miss.

*Can I confirm that
you are content?*

Yes mi

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ADMIRALTY HOUSE

My Secretary of State asked the Prime Minister this morning whether he might occupy one of the flats in Admiralty House. The one he and Mrs Nott have in mind is that on the first floor.

Mr Nott asked me to confirm this request in this letter and to inquire what other steps he should take before seeking to move in, which he presently thinks that he would like to do in April. Perhaps you would kindly give me advice.

*James W.
Bain*

(B M NORBURY)

M A Pattison Esq

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in this letter and to indicate what other steps
he should take before seeking to move in which
he presently claims that he would like to do so
well. Perhaps you would kindly give me advice.

(A M. ROBERTS)

M A. PATTISON



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Our ref
LRE3006/84
Your ref

Date
15 January 1981

Dear ~~Mr~~ *M Pattison*

ADMIRALTY HOUSE

You may like to know that the recent VIP stay went off smoothly. The actual costs were mainly on staff time and a small amount each for electricity and gas.

Yours faithfully

R S PEAL

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

18 December 1980

Thank you for your letter of 16 December about the use of an Admiralty House flat for the first week in January.

The Prime Minister is entirely content with the arrangements proposed. She hopes that it will not prove necessary to incur any significant expenditure to make the flat habitable.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Roger Peel (Property Services Agency).

M. A. PATTISON

D. B. Omand, Esq.,
Ministry of Defence.

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Prime Minister

*Agree that Gen Lawson
should have the use of
MO 19/3 in Admiralty House
flat for a week?*

M.A.P. 17/11

Dear Mike,

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
MAIN BUILDING WHITEHALL LONDON SW1
Telephone 01-~~937 7022~~ 218 2111/3

16th December 1980

*Yes - I hope it will
not be necessary to
spend too much on it.*

May I clear with you, by means of this letter, a proposal which has, I think, already been mentioned to you unofficially by the Property Services Agency. The GOC Northern Ireland has been under some personal pressure over the last few months (his wife is recovering from an operation and his mother recently died) and Mr Pym would like to ensure that he has a complete break from the Northern Ireland scene, for a few days at least, in the near future. As you know General Lawson lives in Northern Ireland and we would like to be able to provide for him suitable accommodation in Central London for himself, his wife and son between 30th December and 6th January. The accommodation obviously has to fulfill certain security requirements.

We understand from the PSA that the second floor flat in Admiralty House could be made available to the General for this period and we would be very grateful to have your agreement to this.

I am copying this letter direct to Roger Peel in the Property Services Agency (St Christopher House) in view of the desirability of reducing knowledge of the proposal as far as possible.

Yours ever,
David Omand

(D B OMAND)

M A Pattison Esq

STAFF IN CONFIDENCE
CONFIDENTIAL

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DS

MISS PORTER

1 August 1980

I would like to thank you most sincerely for all your help in arranging the Prime Minister's visit to the Admiralty Flats this afternoon. It was a great success and I have pleasure in returning your maps.

CS

Mrs. S. Rozario.

The purpose of this visit was to choose items of furniture for these empty flats for No. 10.
JP 4/8. DS



Department of the Environment

PSA

Property Services Agency

Chief Executive Sir Robert Cox KCB

2 Marsham Street London SW1P 3EB

Telephone 01-212 7651

BY HAND

30 July 1980

Miss C M Stephens
Personal Assistant to the Prime Minister

Dear Caroline

Here are the plans I said I would send you.
May I trouble you to return them to me after
the visit please ?

Mr J Coates, the Under Secretary in charge
of our London Region will be at Admiralty
House at 2.30 tomorrow afternoon to
accompany the Prime Minister on her visit
to the flats.

Yours sincerely
Sally Rozario

Mrs S Rozario

M.R.

1. Miss Stephens
2. Mr. Peterson

MR. WHITMORE

The Prime Minister would like
to go round the flats on Friday of
his week. Can you pt. arrange.

Admiralty House Flats

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The Prime Minister asked recently about
these flats.

There are three flats, and they were
offered to the Secretary of State for Defence,
the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
and the Home Secretary. But none of these
three Ministers wanted them, and all three
flats are empty.

~~Property~~ services.

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28 July 1980

MR WHITMORE

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Admiralty House Flats

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C. V. PETERSON

28 July 1980



Govt. Paul King

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

31 July 1979

Thank you for your letter of 16 July, reminding me of the criteria applied by the Inland Revenue in assessing the tax position for official residences.

For the present, it seems unlikely that we will find any more Cabinet Ministers requiring an official residence and qualifying for the more favourable form of tax treatment. In the circumstances, the Prime Minister is content to leave the two remaining Admiralty House flats unoccupied for the moment.

M. A. PATTISON

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. King'.

Paul Bristow, Esq.,
Department of the Environment.

PRIME MINISTEROfficial Residences

I have sought your clearance for the two remaining Admiralty House flats to be offered to several Ministers, but we have not so far found an occupant.

There is a particular difficulty here. Three categories of Ministers qualify for relatively favourable tax treatment in respect of official residences. In summary these are:

- i. Ministers whose job effectively requires them to live in a particular residence;
- ii. Ministers covered by special security considerations;
- iii. Occupants of posts whose predecessors have by tradition occupied an official residence.

The third category is open to some argument over definition, but the Inland Revenue have not shown signs of being very flexible over this. Given the line you are taking on "perks" in industry, it would be imprudent to argue with the Revenue that they should now take a more flexible view of what constitutes a precedent.

To give an example, a Ministers satisfying one of these three criteria would be assessed for tax on the second floor flat at Admiralty House at about £2,500 or 10 per cent of salary if that were less. A Minister not satisfying one of these tests would be assessed for tax at about £6,700, representing the gross rateable value, the payment made in lieu of rates, and the cost of services.

All of the Cabinet Ministers whose posts appear to meet one or other of these tests have either been offered a residence, or are known to have no need of one. Unless special security considerations are later deemed to arise in the case of further Cabinet Ministers, we may well not find occupants for these residences. The only other possibility which I have in mind is to see whether Ministers of State at Defence or Northern Ireland are interested. Should I pursue this, or would you prefer to leave the residences unoccupied for the

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W. R.

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present? Whatever you do, Mr. Arthur Lewis is liable to ask boring questions about it before too long.

MAF

26 July 1979

Leave them unaccepted
ms
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2 MARSHAM STREET
LONDON SW1P 3EB

My ref:

Your ref:

16 July 1979

Dear Mike

ADMIRALTY HOUSE

Following your letter of 3 July we offered the Secretary of State for Education a flat at Admiralty House. He has now declined this accommodation for financial reasons which I ought to explain, because it may be helpful when considering further nominees.

The Finance Act 1977 measures introducing tax liability for official residences made a distinction between Ministers who needed to be accommodated and those who did not. If a Minister

- i. necessarily occupies a residence; or
- ii. occupies for the better performance of his duties and the holder of his post customarily occupies the residence; or
- iii. is subject to special security precautions

his liability is based on the cost of services (including 10% of the cost of furniture and pictures) or 10% of Ministerial salary whichever is the less. If a Minister satisfies none of the tests, liability is based on the gross rateable value of the residence, the payment made in lieu of rates and the cost of services. For example, the taxable sum at the second floor flat at Admiralty House would be about £2,500 for a Minister satisfying one of the tests (or 10% of salary if that were less) but about £6,700 for one who did not.

Inland Revenue could not agree that the Education Secretary satisfied any of the tests, mainly because no Education Secretary has occupied one of the flats before. I enclose details of previous occupants at Admiralty House. Although it is for Inland Revenue to say who would qualify as a customary user, it is clear that the Secretary of State for Defence and the Chief Whip have a good

claim, and that Ministers with general portfolios, many of whom were in practice Leader of the House, might succeed. You will know of the Ministers who are subject to special security arrangements.

I am copying this letter to David Laughrin (CSD) and to Martin Hall (Treasury).

Yours sincerely
Paul Bristow

P N BRISTOW
Private Secretary

ADMIRALTY HOUSE
 SCHEDULE OF OCCUPATIONS SINCE 1966

1st FLOOR/PART 3rd FLOOR FLAT

1966-70	Denis Healey as Minister of Defence
1970-72	Reginald Maudling as Home Secretary
Vacant between autumn 1972 and spring 1973	
1973-74	John Davies as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
1974-76	Roy Mason as Minister of Defence
1976-79	Fred Mulley as Minister of Defence

2nd FLOOR FLAT

1966(part)	Arthur Bottomley as Commonwealth Secretary
1966-67	Arthur Bottomley as Minister for Overseas Development
1967-69	George Thomson as Commonwealth Secretary
1969-70	Vacant
1970-72	Geoffrey Rippon as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
1972-74	Geoffrey Rippon as Environment Secretary of State
1974-76	Ted Short as Lord President of the Council
1976(part)	Roy Mason as Minister of Defence
1976-79	Roy Mason as Northern Ireland Secretary of State

3rd FLOOR PIED-A-TERRE
 1966-70 (TWO FLATS)

Flat 1

1966-70	Lord Shackleton as:
	1966-67 Minister of Defence (Air)
	1967-68 Minister without Portfolio
	Jan '68-April '68 Lord Privy Seal
	April '68-Oct '68 Paymaster General
	Oct '68-1970 Lord Privy Seal

Flat 2

1966-70	Allocated to Chief Whip (John Silkin 1966-69), but used by:
	George Lawson
	William Whitlock } Deputy Chief Whips
	Brian O'Malley }
	also
	Ted Short as Postmaster General (during recesses only)

Bob Mellish 1969-70

ONE FLAT SINCE 1970

1970-73	Francis Pym as Chief Whip
1973-74	vacant
1974-76	Merlyn Rees as Northern Ireland Secretary of State
1976-79	Merlyn Rees as Home Secretary

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

3 July 1979

The Prime Minister has heard that the Secretary of State for Education requires a London flat, and she would be grateful if he could be offered one of the unallocated flats in Admiralty House.

I am sending copies of this letter to Philip Hunter (Department of Education and Science) and David Laughrin (Civil Service Department).

M. A. PATTISON

Paul Bristow, Esq.,
Department of the Environment.

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PRIME MINISTER

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We still have two Admiralty House flats available. Can we offer one to Mr Carlisle?

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

ELIZABETH HOUSE, YORK ROAD, LONDON SE1 7PH

TELEPHONE 01-928 9222

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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Mike Pattison Esq
10 Downing Street
London SW1

29 June 1979

Yes not

Dear Mike,

My Secretary of State is considering moving from his present flat in London and has heard that there may still be an official residence which has not been taken up by a more senior member of the Cabinet. He wondered whether, before he starts the time consuming business of contacting estate agents, you could advise him on the possibility of a residence being offered?

Yours

Philip Hunter

P J HUNTER
Private Secretary

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Government Chief Whip
12 Downing Street, London SW1

✓ MAD
26 June 1979

Dear Brian,

I write to confirm the message conveyed to you on the telephone yesterday that the Chief Whip and Mrs Jopling have decided after all not to take up the Prime Minister's kind offer of the second-floor flat in Admiralty House.

The Chief Whip very much regrets any inconvenience which has been caused and will, of course, be prepared to meet any costs which would not otherwise have been incurred, as a result of his decision.

I understand from the Chief Whip that Mrs Jopling feels that for purely domestic reasons she would prefer to remain at their cottage.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mike Pattison.

Yours sincerely,
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(M MACLEAN)

B Swindler Esq
Property Services Agency
St Christopher House
Southwark Street
SE1 OTE



Government Chief Whip
12 Downing Street, London SW1

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18 June 1979

Dear Mike,

I write to confirm that the Chief Whip and Mrs Jopling are pleased to accept the Prime Minister's offer of the second-floor flat in Admiralty House.

I am now in touch with the DOE about the detailed arrangements.

yours ever,
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(M MACLEAN)

M A Pattison Esq
Office of the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
SW1



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

25 May 1979

You wrote to me on 22 May, explaining that Mr. Pym had decided not to use the second floor flat in Admiralty House as an official residence.

At present, the Prime Minister is not aware of any other Cabinet Minister who would want to take advantage of the offer of an official residence. She is therefore content that this Admiralty House flat should remain unallocated for the present. (If the Chief Whip were to decide that this flat would suit him better than the third floor flat already offered to him, I am sure that the Prime Minister would be content for him to switch.)

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Laughrin (Civil Service Department).

M. A. PATTISON

P.N. Bristow, Esq.,
Department of the Environment.



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

Mr. Pym has now decided not to take up the offer of a flat within Admiralty House.

We have not heard of any other Minister who is anxious to be offered an official residence. I have gone through the Cabinet list with Caroline and we have concluded that all Cabinet Ministers not already offered an official residence have a convenient London home.

Are you content that we should leave this Admiralty House flat unallocated for the present?

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23 May 1979

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MR. PATTISONMinisterial Residences

First thoughts for the vacant flat would be Lord Soames as Leader of the House of Lords and Mr. Norman St. John Stevas as Leader of the House of Commons. I doubt whether either would want it. The latter lives in Montpelier Square, S.W.1. and, although no address is given in Who's Who, the former no doubt has a London house.


Mr. Prior, as Secretary of State for Employment, may well have late nights in the House, but has a flat in Morpeth Mansions, S.W.1. Mr. Biffen, Chief Secretary, has no London address in Who's Who and might well have late nights at the Treasury!

Again according to Who's Who, the following members of the Cabinet have no London address and, especially with a distant Constituency and a house in it, might be glad to be offered a London base:-

Mr. Peter Walker Minister of Agriculture	Worcester address. M.P. for Worcester.
Mr. Michael Heseltine Secretary of State for the Environment	Banbury address. M.P. for Henley.
Mr. Patrick Jenkin Secretary of State for Social Services	House of Commons only address given. Nearby Constituency - Redbridge, Wanstead and Woodford
Mr. John Nott, Secretary of State for Trade	House of Commons only address given. M.P. for St. Ives.
Mr. David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy	House of Commons only address given. M.P. for Guildford.
Mr. Angus Maude, Paymaster General	Banbury address. M.P. for Stratford-upon-Avon.

Mr. Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, has two addresses in Wales and one in Chester Row, S.W.1.

23 May 1979





2 MARSHAM STREET
LONDON SW1P 3EB

Miss Pyles
*Any suggestions for a further
offer?*
MAD 22/v.

My ref:
Your ref:

22 May 1979

Dear Mike

MINISTERS' RESIDENCES

In my letter to you of 17 May, I said that Mr Pym was considering whether he wished to take over the second floor flat in Admiralty House. I have now learnt from Mr Pym's office that he has decided not to use an official residence. The Prime Minister may therefore wish to make a further nomination for the second floor flat in Admiralty House.

I am copying this to David Laughrin in Sir Ian Bancroft's office.

Yours sincerely
Paul Bristow

P N BRISTOW
Private Secretary

Mike Pattison Esq



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22 MAY 1979



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Mr. Pattison
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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

21 May 1979

Thank you for your letter of 17 May, about official residences.

The Prime Minister would be grateful if the remaining Admiralty House flat could now be offered to the Chief Whip.

I understand that there may be one other residence still available, and I will consult the Prime Minister about a further offer of this once you confirm the position,

I am sending copies of this letter to Sir Robert Cox (PSA), David Laughrin (CSD) and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

M. A. PATTISON

Paul Bristow, Esq.,
Department of the Environment.

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PRIME MINISTER

Official Residences

These have now been offered as you proposed. You correctly forecast that the Home Secretary would not wish to take up the offer of an Admiralty House flat.

I understand that the Chief Whip would be most grateful for the offer of a convenient pied-à-terre, in view of the late nights which his duties may involve at times. May we offer the Admiralty House flat not required by Mr. Whitelaw to Mr. Jopling?

Yes - duly noted

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18 May 1979



2 MARSHAM STREET
LONDON SW1P 3EB

17 May 1979

Dear Mike

OFFICIAL RESIDENCES

You wrote to David Laughrin on 7 May, giving the Prime Minister's allocation of official residences. Subsequently you asked us to offer No 1 Carlton Gardens to the Lord Privy Seal. I thought that you should have a progress report.

We have offered all the residences as authorised except that, with the agreement of the Ministers concerned, the Secretary of State for Defence was offered the second floor at Admiralty House and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland the first. Each Minister is now considering whether to accept these offers.

The Home Secretary declined the third floor at Admiralty House and we now have no nominee. In the past that flat has been occupied by a Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, a Lord President (as Leader of the House), a Paymaster-General, a Secretary of State for the Environment and a Chief Whip. If Mr Atkins uses the first floor flat it is likely that he will want less of the third floor than the previous occupant. The third floor flat would then comprise 3 rooms and 2 bedrooms. The Prime Minister may wish to consider whether she wishes us to offer the flat to another Minister.

Copies of this letter go to the recipients of yours.

Yours sincerely
Paul Bristow

P N BRISTOW
Private Secretary

Mike Pattison Esq

Seen by
Mr. Pattison.

Mr. Pelissan

The Chief
Whip wd. like
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PRIME MINISTER

Allocation of Official Residences

Two further decisions are needed, as the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary does not wish to use No 1 Carlton Gardens or Dorneywood.

No 1 Carlton Gardens

Lord Carrington wondered if this might be allocated to the Lord Privy Seal. With its rooms for entertaining, this can be very useful for a Foreign and Commonwealth Office senior Minister, and nobody else would seem to have a prior claim.

Would you be content, please, to allocate this to the Lord Privy Seal? *Yes not*

Dorneywood

This is available to yourself or to a senior Minister nominated by you.

Since Lord Carrington does not wish to use it, would you like to offer it to the Home Secretary or the Secretary of State for Defence, with the Chancellor of the Exchequer perhaps a third possibility?

Original on Dorneywood files.

CVP

8 May 1979



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

7 May 1979

Ministers' Official Residences

The Prime Minister has considered the allocation of official residences.

On the basis of the Prime Minister's instructions, No. 10 will deal direct with the allocation of the Prime Minister's official residences including Dorneywood.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for the following residences to be offered to Ministers as noted below:-

- 1) No. 11 Downing Street: Chancellor of the Exchequer.
- 2) Admiralty House, first floor flat: Secretary of State for Defence.
- 3) Admiralty House, second floor flat: Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.
- 4) Admiralty House, pied à terre on the third floor: Home Secretary (although the Prime Minister believes that he will not require this).
- 5) No. 1 Carlton Gardens: Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.
- 6) Lord Chancellor's flat in the Palace of Westminster: Lord Chancellor.
- 7) Bute House, Edinburgh: Secretary of State for Scotland.
- 8) Stormont House, Belfast: Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and staff.

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Miss Potter.

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I am sending copies of this letter to Eric Sorensen (Department of the Environment), Sir Robert Cox (Property Services Agency); and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office)..

M. A. PATTISON

D.P. Laughrin, Esq.,
Civil Service Department.

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PRIME MINISTER

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Can they be offered as usual with.

ALLOCATION OF OFFICIAL RESIDENCES

*Admin. House
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work*

You might like to have the attached brief from Sir Ian Bancroft by your side when *work (iii)* considering accommodation for your Ministers. I should draw your attention in particular to paragraph 4 about the liability of Ministers for taxation in respect of the benefits provided in these residences.

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MINISTERS' OFFICIAL RESIDENCES:

1. The official residences for Ministers in London are:

a. No 10 Downing Street. The traditional home of the Prime Minister as First Lord of the Treasury.

b. No 11 Downing Street. Usually occupied by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. There are 3 reception rooms (excluding state rooms) and 9 bedrooms.

c. Admiralty House. Two flats and a pied-a'-terre. These are allocated at the discretion of the Prime Minister.

i. Flat on the first floor (2 reception rooms, a study and one bedroom, all on a large scale) together with part of the third floor (one reception room, and one bedroom), traditionally occupied by the Secretary of State for Defence.

ii. Flat on the second floor (3 reception rooms and 3 bedrooms, on a more domestic scale than the first flat), recently occupied by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

iii. Pied-a'-terre on the third floor (2 rooms, self-contained with bathroom and kitchen) recently occupied by the Home Secretary.

d. No 1 Carlton Gardens. Traditionally occupied by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. The ground floor comprises state rooms and the flat above has 3 reception rooms and 5 bedrooms.

e. Lord Chancellor's flat. This is in the Palace of Westminster and contains 3 reception rooms and 5 bedrooms; it is occupied by the Lord Chancellor in his capacity as Speaker of the House of Lords.

2. Outside London there are:

a. Chequers. Country residence for the Prime Minister.

b. Dorneywood. A residence available to the Prime Minister or to senior Ministers nominated by the Prime Minister. This is conventionally the Foreign Secretary, but recently the Home Secretary has been the nominated Minister with occasional use allowed to the Foreign Secretary.

c. Bute House, Edinburgh (6 Charlotte Square). The official residence of the Secretary of State for Scotland.

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- d. Stormont House, Belfast. Residence and official accommodation available for use by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Northern Ireland Office Ministers and Officials.
3. The Property Services Agency advise that all these residences are available for immediate occupation; no structural or decorative work is scheduled to be done on any of them.
4. Ministers are liable for taxation in respect of the benefits (heat, light, furniture, etc) provided in official residences, although the amount taxed cannot exceed 10% of their emolument. The exceptions are residences occupied wholly for official purposes (Bute House and Stormont House) or made available by a trust (Dorneywood). In the case of Chequers exemption is specially provided by statute.