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PRIME MINISTER

Mr Gilbert would have to be in "expert" category. I believe you know him, so I have not asked for a full c.v.

Approve?

MAP 18/6.

M A Pattison Esq
Private Secretary
10 Downing Street

17 May 1979

Dear Mike

My Secretary of State would like to appoint Mr Robbie Gilbert as a special adviser to him in the Department on industrial relations and employment matters. Mr Gilbert dealt with these subjects for some time in the CBI Social Affairs Directorate and the Conservative Research Department and has since 1977 been employed by Shell Chemicals on industrial relations work.

Mr Prior would be glad to know whether the Prime Minister would be content for this appointment to be made.

I am sending a copy to Jim Buckley in the Lord President's Office.

Yes - not in the expert category - what is for academic - industry not needed.

Yours sincerely
Lawfair

LAW FAIR

~~He is~~ He is not really a professional and I think that 2 special advisers for a department of let. min. is in too much. M.T.