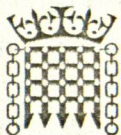


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From: Sir Nigel Fisher, MC., MP.



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Alan Clark has telephoned me about the recent leaks to the Lobby by Cabinet Ministers, indicating disagreement in Cabinet over public expenditure cuts affecting their Departments. He objects strongly to this and points out that Conservatives, as opposed to Labour, Ministers have not hitherto given a deliberate impression of disunity in this way. I agree with him that the practice should cease.

He would like a more senior colleague (preferably a Member of the Executive) to raise this matter at the main Committee, or would be prepared to do so himself.

I said I would seek advice from you and the Executive, as to the best way to handle this and would let him know whether the points should be made at the next meeting of the 1922 Committee and if so by whom. You may prefer to mention it to the Prime Minister personally when you next see her and I am sending a copy of this note to Ian Gow.

Ian. Since dictating this, I have rec'd two letters from constituents with the same criticism, so it has evidently caused an unfavorable impression outside. (Of course, no ack. of this letter is necessary)

The Rt. Honble. Edward Du Cann, M.P.,

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