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Prime Minister

Members' Pay.

1. Following your talk to Edward du Cann yesterday afternoon, I walked back to the House with him.

2. He said that he would do his utmost to persuade his colleagues on the Executive of the 1922 Committee that 12% for Members' pay would be right and that he thought that he would be in a position to give advice to the whole of the 1922 Committee, on behalf of the Executive, to that effect.

3. You will remember that at the meeting yesterday, Edward said that there were other matters which would also have to be considered, namely:-

- (a) Ministerial salaries.
- (b) Parliamentary salary of Ministers in the House of Commons.
- (c) Secretarial/research assistant's allowances.
- (d) Peers' expense allowance.
- (e) Up-rating of salaries of Members of Parliament in 1981.
- (f) Members' salaries for the remainder of this Parliament (i.e. after the 1981 uprating).
- (g) Secretarial expenses of Ministers in the Lords.

4. Edward du Cann telephoned this morning and said that he was proposing to discuss this matter with the 1922 Executive when it meets today at 5.15 p.m. Edward would like, please, to know your thinking on the points mentioned in paragraph 3 above, so that he can try to sell a complete package to the Executive, built around the key figure of 12% for Members' salaries.

5. I have agreed to meet Edward at 4.45 p.m. today, in order to discuss this with him, before the meeting of the 1922 Executive.

26th June, 1980

Ian Gow

cc: Clive Whitmore.

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