

Civil Service
Pay

PRIME MINISTER

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Civil Service Pay Inquiry

Spoke 4
Buckley

You suggested that Alan Lord, who has turned down the invitation to serve as a member of the Inquiry, should be asked to suggest other possible ex-Civil Service candidates.

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Lord has suggested Sir Peter Thornton, formerly Permanent Secretary in the Department of Trade, and now a Director of Hill Samuel and of the Laird Group; and Sir William Pile, who is now a Director of Distillers and of the Nationwide Building Society. Lord's first choice would be Thornton, since he is said to be sceptical of the present Civil Service pay arrangements; and the Lord President would like to approach him. If Thornton is not available, then he would like to approach Pile.

Content?

No - do not approach
Sir William Pile.

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Try Thornton
Lord Seamer agrees,
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