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From the Private Secretary

4 October 1979

Dear Mr. Hall,

As I have already mentioned to you, the Prime Minister and the Chancellor discussed membership of the NEDC when they met this morning. The Chancellor explained that three members - Mr. Michael Shanks, Lord Roll and Sir Leslie Murphy - were coming up for renewal. The Chancellor proposed - and the Prime Minister agreed - that the Governor should replace Lord Roll. The Chancellor went on to say he would not wish to reappoint Mr. Shanks; if Mr. Shanks was not reappointed, there was the question of whether he should be replaced by someone else representing consumers or by a representative of small business. As for Sir Leslie Murphy, he would prefer to reappoint him for one more year.

The Prime Minister agreed that Mr. Shanks should not be reappointed, and suggested that he should be replaced by a woman representing retailing and/or consumers. She suggested that Ms Daisy Hyams of Tesco would be an excellent choice. But she also thought that small business ought to be represented, and suggested that a small business representative should replace Sir Leslie Murphy - rather than keeping him on for a further year. The Chancellor said that he would consider this possibility further in consultation with Sir Keith Joseph - as well as the Prime Minister's proposal for a replacement for Mr. Shanks.

Yours
Mr.

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Meeting extract PM/chancellor 4.10.79 at 9.00am

v. They discussed membership of the NEDC. My letter of today's date to the Treasury records their conclusions.

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