

NOTE FOR RECORD

Sir Douglas Wass telephoned the Governor to give him advance notice of the Chancellor's intention to raise a particular matter at Monday afternoon's meeting. Alan Walters, who the Chancellor had in mind as a possible chief economic adviser at one time, has now told the Prime Minister that he would be willing to serve the Government, and the Prime Minister is anxious to harness his capabilities. The Chancellor has no suitable vacancies and intends to ask the Governor whether there might be any place for him in the Bank. Sir Douglas noted that the Governor had recently recruited Mr Flemming and thought it unlikely that he would be in a position to offer Alan Walters anything at the moment. It seems likely therefore, that Sir Keith Joseph would be interested in having him at the Department of Industry and the Governor felt that would probably be the best place for him as he was not in Mr Flemming's class.

Sir Douglas thought that he was probably in the US at the moment.

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