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MEMBERSHIP OF PROPOSED INQUIRY INTO CIVIL SERVICE PAY

Before leaving for Canada Sir Derek Rayner made these comments on some of the names given in the list attached to Lord Soames's minute of 1 May.

Sir D Barron: Available, given his succession to the chairmanship of the Midland Bank?

Sir D Steel: Not known to Sir DR personally, but has a high reputation.

Sir C Fraser: A figurehead - Mr Lord is actually running Dunlop.

Sir J Greenborough: Useless - like most people who become President of the CBI.

Mr M Bett: As Sir D Steel.

Mr P Laister: Awful, useless.

Mr A Lord: Good mind, very ambitious, not very loyal.

Lord Shepherd: Knows the pay ropes, difficult to do without him.

Mrs H Brigstocke: A collector of rich parents and acquaintances.

C PRIESTLEY 8 May 1981