

PRESS NOTICE

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0001 Hours BST on Tuesday 23 September, 1980

The Queen has approved the appointment of The Earl of Avon, OBE, TD, as a Lord in Waiting in succession to The Lord Mowbray and Stourton.

10 Downing Street
Whitehall

22 September 1980

NOTE FOR EDITORS:

Lord Mowbray and Stourton announced his resignation for personal reasons earlier this month.

In addition to being a Government Whip in the House of Lords, Lord Avon will also act as a spokesman on the Arts and on environment and transport matters.

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Prime Minister.

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11th September 1980

Dear Prime Minister,

A line to thank
you very much for your letter of
appreciation on the occasion of my
resignation as a Lord in Waiting.
It was a privilege to serve in your
government. Yours sincerely
Charles M. Adair

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PERSONAL

8 September 1980

Dear Lord Mowbray

Christopher Soames has shown me your letter of 28 August indicating your wish to resign as a Lord in Waiting.

I know that you will be greatly missed and I should like to take this opportunity to thank you for your valuable services to the Government, the Party and the House over the years.

I am glad to know that you will continue to support the Government in carrying out its policies.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

The Lord Mowbray and Stourton



FROM THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE
HOUSE OF LORDS

PRIME MINISTER

Dear Prime Minister,

GOVERNMENT WHIPS IN THE LORDS

I have received this letter from Charles Mowbray telling me of his resignation as a Whip. I understand that he has not written to you as he should have done and for that I apologise.

The loss will not be great, but I need to replace him without delay as the successor will have to play a part in the Local Government Bill proceedings.

During the Summer, when the Whips' Office were under great pressure, we appointed Nicholas Avon as a supernumerary unpaid Whip. He is keen and energetic and I think it would be right to confirm him as a paid Whip looking after the Environment portfolio.

Michael Heseltine would be content with this.

Yours ever
Christopher

SOAMES

3 September 1980



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Department of the Environment
2 Marsham Street London SW1
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28th August 1980

My dear Christopher,

It is with much sadness that I write to inform you that I am resigning my office as a Lord in Waiting as from **MID-NIGHT 31st August 1980.**

I am doing this to give myself more freedom to see a bit more of Jane and my home in Scotland than hitherto I have been able.

Having done some thirteen consecutive years as a Whip in and out of office I feel I have helped to carry some of the burden for the Party in the chores of the House.

In particular I would like to say how lucky I have been to serve under four such splendid leaders and two such excellent Chief Whips.

I shall continue to attend the House and support you and look forward to seeing the hard work of the first fifteen months of this Government bear fruit.

Yours ever

Charles

LORD MOWBRAY AND STOURTON

The Rt Hon Lord Soames GCMG GCVO CBE