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PRIME MINISTER

The Chief Whip's Office
tell us that Cyril Townsend has
said that he is going to resign
as PPS to Reg Prentice because
of the Government's immigration
proposals. *We do not know whether
he proposes to abstain or vote
against.*

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4 December 1979

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Mr. Prentice would like to appoint a new PPS, following the resignation of Cyril Townsend.

He proposes to ask Mr. Michael Neubert and has the strong support of the Chief Whip for this choice. Sir Robert Armstrong has no comment to make about Mr. Neubert.

Agree that Mr. Prentice may approach Mr. Neubert?

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[unclear] *MA*

14 January 1980

APPOINTMENTS IN CONFIDENCE



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From the Private Secretary

15 January 1980

Rear Bobbie

The Chief Whip has informed the Prime Minister that Mr Prentice would like to appoint Mr Michael Neubert to act as his Parliamentary Private Secretary.

She is quite content with this proposal, and she regards Mr Neubert as an excellent choice.

I am sending copies of this letter to Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely
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Mrs. Roberta Paley
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