



*Prime Minister  
Content for Mr Lennox Boyd  
to become third PPS  
in Treasury?*

PRIME MINISTER

*Yes*

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PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARY

Ray Whitney, who has been serving as joint Parliamentary Private Secretary to Peter Rees and myself, has decided that he wishes to resign the post in order to be free to stand for election to backbench committees and to speak in economic debates in the House. Peter and I both feel we should accede to his request, not least because it is his intention to be a vigorous and outspoken supporter of Government policies.

I have consulted the Chief Whip who has recommended Mark Lennox-Boyd as Ray's replacement. This is agreeable to both Peter and myself, and I am writing therefore to seek your approval for his appointment as our joint PPS. He has not yet been approached and thus knows nothing of this possibility himself: I understand from the Chief Whip that this should not be done until your approval has been secured.

I am sending copies of this minute to the Chief Whip, and to Geoffrey Howe and Peter Rees.

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NIGEL LAWSON

3 December 1980



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*From the Private Secretary*

5 December 1980

The Prime Minister has seen the Financial Secretary's minute of 3 December. She is content that Mr. Mark Lennox-Boyd should be invited to serve as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr. Lawson and Mr. Rees.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Wiggins (H.M. Treasury), Roy Warden (Peter Rees's Office, H.M. Treasury) and Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office).

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