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Prime Minister

Content for the Minister of
State and PUS's in the MOD

to share our Colin

Shepherd as a PPS ?

Yes Mr

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JPL

29 October 1981

Dear Mr. Whitmore,

PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARIES

1. The Defence Ministers believe that, in the light of the growing national debate on defence matters, there is now a need to increase the parliamentary support available to them. The Minister of State for the Armed Forces, who as you know has particular responsibility for presenting the Government's policy on nuclear deterrence, with the Secretary of State's agreement, would like to be able to appoint a Parliamentary Private Secretary who would work in part for him and in part for the two Parliamentary Under Secretaries of State.

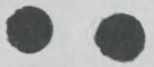
2. Mr Blaker has in mind Mr Colin Shepherd. He has discussed the matter with the Chief Whip and Mr Jopling supports both the proposal for this additional post and Mr Shepherd as the candidate to fill it.

3. Mr Blaker would be grateful to know that the Prime Minister is content.

Yours sincerely
Peter Craine

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Parliamentary Private Secretaries

Thank you for your letter of 29 October to Clive Whitmore. The Prime Minister is content for Mr Blaker and the Parliamentary Under Secretaries in the Ministry of Defence to share Mr Colin Shepherd as a PPS.

I am copying this letter to David Wright (Cabinet Office) and Felicity Yonge (Chief Whip's Office).

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