

PA WHIPS Dinner

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 1986

Dear Tom.

A very warm thank you  
to you & all the whips for a marvellous  
dinner on Thursday evening. It was so  
relaxed but I felt we all learned more  
from it than from any other and that  
we really are a winning team.

You are wonderful in the way

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You had the office and smooth  
all the many problems which come our  
way. Perhaps only I know quite  
how much the party owes to you  
and your unique talents. I appreciate  
immensely -

Yours truly

Raymond

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PRIME MINISTER

I attach paper for you to  
write to the Chief Whip  
to thank him for the dinner  
last night.

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(CAROLINE RYDER)

18 July 1986

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PRIME MINISTER

WHIPS DINNER

1. I have told the Whips that you might be a little late because of your cocktail party for Members and wives.
2. It is black tie, but I have told them you will probably be wearing short.
3. They would very much like to have an informal group photograph taken and I said you would have no objection to this.
4. You are going to be introduced to the chef who works for Town and Country Planners which is a subsidiary of Lyons ran by Hector. He has had quite an interesting career and I attach his curriculum vitae (Flag A).
5. List of Whips attached at Flag B.

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16 July 1986



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CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Robert Frederick Oliver

Born: 3rd April 1911

Background:

Has worked for J. Lyons & Company Limited since 1932.

Started as a Page Boy at the Strand Palace Hotel. Later on he was transferred to the Cumberland Hotel as Restaurant Manager, then was transferred to the Trocadero Grill Room. Stayed there five years, then transferred to the Outdoor Catering Department of J. Lyons & Company Limited as Special Functions Manager, dealing with functions such as the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, Royal Garden Parties, Royal Windsor Horse Show, etc. So far he has been involved with 109 Garden Parties.

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In November 1985 he was presented with the M.V.O. by Her Majesty The Queen.

During the war he served 2 years in Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa as Gunnery Sergeant. Returned home in 1942 for O.J.C. in Wales then transferred to the Sussex Regiment, wounded at Bayoeur, hospitalised in Birmingham. In 1943 he was transferred to the 2nd Seaford Highlanders, fought in the Reichwald Forest, eventually crossed the Rhine with Montgomery at Rees.

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## List of Whips

Mr. John Cope, MP.  
Carol Mather MP  
The Hon Robert Boscawan MP  
Mr. Donald Thompson MP  
Mr Tristan Garel-Jones MP  
The Hon Archibald Hamilton MP  
The Hon Timothy Sainsbury MP  
Mr. Michael Neubert MP  
Mr. Tony Durant MP  
Mr. Peter Lloyd MP  
The Hon. Mark Lennox-Boyd MP  
The Hon. Francis Maude, MP.  
Mr. Gerald Malone MP

**NOTE FOR THE FILE**

WHIPS DINNER, THURSDAY 17 JULY

CR to remind the Prime Minister that the Whips would like to have an informal group photograph taken just before the dinner. They have not had one taken since before the 1983 Election.



(CAROLINE RYDER)

15 July 1986