

Latham

PRIME MINISTER

Michael Latham

1. He came to see me this morning.
2. He expressed anxiety about the failure (as he sees it) of the Government to put across its policies effectively to the public, notably so far as public expenditure is concerned.
3. I showed him a letter dated 9th September, addressed to Geoffrey Pattie by one of his Branch Chairmen, which Geoffrey sent to me this morning, in order to emphasise the same point that Michael Latham was making. Michael said that this letter from the Branch Chairman expressed his own views exactly.
4. Michael is anxious to help our Party in any way in which he can be useful. I have a very high regard for his abilities.
5. Although he is a builder by trade, he is interested, particularly, in the more effective presentation of Government policies.
6. How do you react to the possibility that Michael might become PPS to Angus Maude?
7. I have not mentioned this to Angus, and the thought only come to me during my discussion with Michael this morning. Michael does not want to accept any full time appointments at the present time, but would I think, be willing to do the job of PPS, if that suggestion was acceptable to you and to Angus.
8. Just to remind you, I attach a list of the present PPSs.

P.S. Since dictating this, we have had a word about this. I will talk to Angus when he gets back, and see what his reaction is.

Ian Gow
17.9.79

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Latham
MP

17th September 1979

Thank you so much for having come to
see me this morning.

I valued our talk.

I will be in touch with you again
shortly.

Ian Gow MP
Parliamentary Private Secretary

Michael Latham Esq MP

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