

SPICER, A.P.

24th February, 1981

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Thank you so much for your letter
of 22nd February.

I have shown your letter to the
Prime Minister.

Let us have a word about this.

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Jim Spicer, Esq. M.P., M.E.P.
House of Commons

PRIME MINISTER

FROM JIM SPICER M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

22nd February, 1981.

1. I WILL SIMPLY
ACKNOWLEDGE IN A
VERY FRIENDLY WAY.

2. BUT JIM SPICER
WOULD BE A FAR
BETTER VICE CHAIRMAN IN
CHARGE OF CANDIDATES THAN
TONY ROYLE.

It was good of the Prime Minister to see us last Thursday, after her very difficult day; and although I was reluctant to take up her valuable time by burdening her with my problems; I did manage to have a word with her at the end, and to tell her how frustrated and unhappy I am, because I am unable to do a worthwhile job, either in the European Parliament or here at home.

23/2/1981

As you will know, I am debarred from any Government job, because of my membership of the European Parliament. However, - as I tentatively suggested to the Prime Minister on Thursday - I could still make a useful contribution within the Party Organisation.

Before I became an M.P., all my early roots were within the National Union. Initially in C.P.C. (of which I became National Chairman) and then as an Area Officer. In fact, had I not entered the House in 1974, I imagine I would now be a strong contender for the Chairmanship of the National Executive.

During my fifteen years with the National Union, I was nearly always involved with the selection of candidates - both for the U.K. and for Europe, on the Interview Panel and on the Standing Advisory Committee.

It seems to me that once the boundaries are finally settled, the selection of candidates - both for the U.K. and for Europe - will be of crucial importance, and will be telescoped into a very short period of time. There will be many problems, both inside and outside the House! If, as I suspect, the International Office and Candidates may be split again, I believe that I could do either job well. Particularly as I would be working closely with old and valued friends in Central Office.

1. 64 MEMBERS SIERRA LEONE 23 - 28th
748 MEMBERS ON. February.

OF WHOM 13 BRITISH & COMMONWEALTH
LONG CONTRIBUTION.

2. SINGLE PARLIAMENTS BUILDING.

3. EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FOR E.D.C.

4. CARS - GROUP LEADERS

5. £200,000
