

PATTIE, A.P.



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister Saw

G.P. in Her Room

At the House At

10.20 P.M. On 12/5/1981

And Discussed To

Accept G.P.'s Resignation

Copy of G.P.'s Letter

Dated 12/5/1981 Handled

To Chief Whip G.P.

Saw Chief Whip After

He Had Seen The P.M.

T. L.  
13/5/1981



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PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR DEFENCE FOR THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

12<sup>th</sup> May 1981

Dear Prime Minister,

I deeply regret my failure to vote in the crucial division during the Committee Stage of the Finance Bill on 30<sup>th</sup> April.

I now realise that I should, myself, have taken the initiative in order to establish whether or not I was required to vote that evening, and that I should have cancelled the visit to China or returned early.

In the circumstances I think that  
I ought to offer to you my resignation  
from the Government.

Yours sincerely

John Patten

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