



Prime Minister

You wanted the sight of ^{the names of} a few "centre-right" back-benchers who might be considered for junior ministerial appointments. Here is a list which I have drawn up with Archie Hamilton's advice:

- Richard RYDER (PPS) [Very able, and improving in House of Commons terms; hitherto a bit retiring]
- Abraham BRIGHT (PPS) [at least as good as Rhodes Boyson, & an attractive party figure]
- Roger FREEMAN (PPS) [doing a good job at CCO]
- John WARD (PPS) [steady; reliable; earlier vintage]
- Barry HENDERSON (PPS)
- Peter VIGGERS (PPS) [competent & reliable; should not be overvalued]
- Steve NORRIS (PPS) [articulate]
- Michael FORSYTH [a plotter; organised poor]
- Spencer BATISTE (PPS) [Hector Monro's demise with Bill Walker; but bright]
- Brian MAWHINNEY (PPS) [clever lawyer! a sort of ambitious rightish Walter Mondale]
- Alan HOWARTH (PPS)
- Nicholas LYELL (PPS) [bright & C] [PTO]

Edwina CURRIE [a bit unpredictable, but
ambitious & works hard]
Virginia BOTTOMLEY [probably better than Peter!
no mean commendation.]
Evan LAWRENCE - [his promotion would
hugely raise morale
in that party. vintage]
Peter HORDERN
James PAWSEY [much liked in
the House] } too late for a
Henry BELLINGHAM } party. secretaryship?
Robert JONES [bright, quick, & active].

I would add in Archie HAMILTON
himself.

I would ^{hope} in the course ^{to} add in Peter ^{LILLEY'S} ~~Lilley's~~
name. But Archie tells me that ^{for the time being} he
spends too much time being the Chancellor's
intellectual foil ^(as his PPS) & too little time
~~with~~ cultivating colleagues.