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FROM THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE
AND THE CHIEF WHIP

14 October 1985

Dear Richard

CARRYING THE CAP OF MAINTENANCE AT THE STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

As last year, it has been agreed that, should the Lord Chancellor be absent from the State Opening of Parliament, or should he be incapacitated during the ceremony itself, the Leader of the House of Lords will carry The Queen's Speech (though he will not use the Lord Chancellor's Purse).

The Leader of the House will be carrying the Cap of Maintenance again this year, and it is therefore necessary to arrange for someone else to carry the Cap if the Leader has to carry the Speech. If it is known in advance that the Leader will be carrying the Speech, Lord Young of Graffham will stand in to carry the Cap. I suggest that you should give me warning if Lord Young of Graffham is likely to be needed, and I will liaise with his office. I should be grateful if Stephen Ratcliffe (to whom I am sending a copy of this letter) could ensure that I am told of Lord Young of Graffham's movements during the 24 hours before the ceremony.

Should the Lord Chancellor become incapacitated during the ceremony, the Lord Privy Seal (who will be in the procession in any case) will take over the carrying of the Cap.

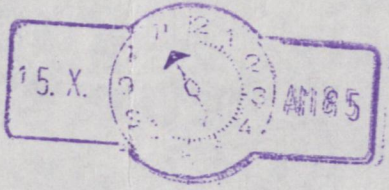
I am sending copies of this letter to Stephen Ratcliffe (Lord Young of Graffham's Office) (as indicated above), and also to Alison Smith (Lord Privy Seal's Office), Sir Philip Moore (Private Secretary to Her Majesty The Queen) and Tim Flesher (No 10 Downing Street).

Yours ever

David

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Private Secretary to the Lord Chancellor





BALMORAL CASTLE

25th September, 1985.

Dear Nigel,

Thank you for your letter of 24th September, which I have laid before The Queen.

Her Majesty is pleased to approve that Lord Whitelaw should carry the Cap of Maintenance at this year's Opening of Parliament.

Yours was,
Philip Glanville

Nigel Wicks, Esq., CBE.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

24 September 1985

Opening of Parliament

Thank you for your letter of 20 September asking whom the Prime Minister would wish to recommend to carry the Cap of Maintenance at this year's Opening of Parliament.

The Prime Minister would like to suggest Lord Whitelaw. I should be grateful if you could seek The Queen's approval to this proposal.

I am copying this letter to Jean McNaughton (Lord President's Office) and to David Beamish (Government Whips' Office).

NIGEL WICKS

The Rt Hon Sir Philip Moore GCB GCVO CMG

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PRIME MINISTER

Opening of Parliament

The Palace have asked whom you wish to propose for carrying the Cap of Maintenance at the Opening of Parliament. Lord Whitelaw, who did it last year, has agreed to carry it this year if you are content.

Agree?

Yes

TF

TIM FLESHER

23 September 1985

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BALMORAL CASTLE

20th September, 1985.

Dear Nigel.

I should be grateful to know whom
The Prime Minister would wish to
recommend to carry the Cap of Maintenance
at the Opening of Parliament on Wednesday
6th November 1985.

Yours was,

Philip Snow

Nigel Wicks, Esq., CBE.



BALTIMORE CASTLE

