



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

11 January 1985

INQUIRY INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 31 December recommending that Mr David Widdicombe QC be appointed as Chairman of the Inquiry. She has noted that both the Attorney General and the Solicitor General endorse this proposal and she therefore agrees to it.

She has noted also the responses to the points made in my letter to you of 12 December.

I am copying this letter to Private Secretaries to members of Cabinet, to Henry Steel (Law Officers' Department) and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

(Andrew Turnbull)

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