

Prime Minister

Don't let our
best go!

Agree that these three
names should go forward?

MR C A WHITMORE

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Yes mt

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24w

DG VII (TRANSPORT), EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The present (British) incumbent of the post of DG VII retires at the end of April, and the Commission wish to appoint another Briton to succeed him. They have, regrettably, rejected Mr John Palmer whose name was put forward, with the Prime Minister's approval, as long ago as November. We were told last week that names of further candidates are required in Brussels by Monday.

Apparently the Commission rejected Palmer because they thought his paper qualifications compared badly with those of the rival Dutch candidate (a Permanent Secretary). I am advised that to succeed we need candidates who are at least Deputy Secretaries. Transport experience is not essential.

In conjunction with my senior colleagues I have drawn up a list of Deputy Secretaries, each of whom is willing to be put forward. The names are as follows (in alphabetical order). CVs are attached:

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| T R H Godden | Scottish Office |
| W M Knighton | Department of Trade |
| W McIndoe | Department of the Environment |

I should be grateful for the Prime Minister's approval as early as possible on Monday morning that these candidates may be put forward.

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IAN BANCROFT
24 April 1981

Full Name: Tony Richard Hillier GODDEN
Date of birth/age: 13 November 1927 (age 53)
Nationality: British
Professional and academic qualifications: BSc(Econ) 1st Economics, Political Science
Languages other than English: French
Present Post:

Secretary of the Scottish Development Department. The Departments' responsibilities cover policy and functions affecting the physical development of Scotland, including town and country planning, housing, urban renewal, roads and transport; water supplies and sewerage, control of air and river pollution and building control; conservation, historic buildings and ancient monuments; local government administration. Post held since July 198

Directly relevant previous career experience

Head of Transport Division (dealing with Bus and Shipping) as Assistant Secretary November 1968 to October 1969. Under Secretary in charge of Roads and Transport October 1969 to May 1973.

Experience with international organisations, foreign contacts, etc

Worked in Colonial Office 1957 to 1961.

CB

13 Nov

Established

Department

Professional
or other
qualificationsOutside
experienceSchool
University
Subject
DegreeBarnstaple Grammar School
London
Economics, Political Science
B.Sc. (Econ) 1st.Postgraduate
study

SERVICE CAREER	Department	Division or Post	Grade	Date
	C.O.	West African Dept.	AP	1951
		P.S. to Parly US/S		1954
		West African Dept B	P.	1955
	Cabinet	Central Secretariat		1957
	C.O.	Econ.Gen. Dept A		1959
	SHD			1960
	C.O.	General Dept B		1960
	SHD	Industry		1961
	SDD	"		1962
		Transport Div.	AS	1963
	SHHD	Asst. Under Secretary of State	T/US	1969
	SDD	" " " " " "	"	1970
	SDD	Roads & Transport Divisions	u/s	1970
	S E P D	Secretary of the new Scottish Economic Planning Department	D S	5/1973
	SDD	& Accounting Officer Secretary of Scot Dev Dept		7/1980

Full Name William Myles KNIGHTON
Date of Birth/age: 8 September 1931 (age 49)
Nationality: British
Professional and academic qualifications: BA Law, Maths and Natural Science
Languages other than English: French
Present Post: Deputy Secretary responsible for UK policy on competition matters, consumer protection and safety, legal metrology, quality assurance and standards. Co-ordination of UK position on EEC Article 100 harmonisation on industrial matters.

Directly relevant previous career experience

1971-74 Responsible for UK international civil aviation policy and for negotiating air services agreements.

Experience with international organisations, foreign contacts, etc

1964-65 Concerned with negotiations in NATO on development of defence electronic equipment.

1974-80 Responsibility for UK bilateral commercial relations; for export policy; and for the UK position in UNCTAD negotiations on commodities (Common Fund), transfer of technology and restrictive business practices. Chaired (1978/80) the OECD High Level Group on Commodity Policy. Official head of the United Kingdom Delegation to the 1976 and 1979 UNCTAD conferences in Nairobi and Manila.

Other experience

1962-64 Cabinet Office Secretariat (concerned with overseas policy)

1966-68 Private Secretary to Minister of Technology.

W M Knighton CB

1931
Sep 8

Deputy Secretary

1978

Trade

Established

Department

Professional or other qualifications

School Bedford School
University Cambridge
Subject Law, Maths & Natural Science
Degree BA 2nd 1952

Outside experience 1952-54 RA 2nd Lieutenant

Courses Devlpmts in Management Decision Theory 1970

French

Postgraduate study

SERVICE CAREER

Department Supply

Division or Post

Grade

Date

Research
Air Division
Establishments
Private Office of PS

AP

1954

1955

1955

1957

1959

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Electronics/Guided Weapons

1959

1962

Cabinet Office

Aviation

Interdependence Export & Electronics

Industry Division

1964

Air A4

1965

Technology

Pr Sec to Minister

7/1966

AS

2/1967

Finance 3

9/1968

Trade & Industry

Finance & Economic Appraisal Div 4

11/1969

10/1970

Trade

Civil Aviation Division 2

1/1972

Commercial Relations Exports Div 2

US

11/1974

Re-structured Division

12/1977

Overseas Trade(C) Commercial Relations Exports Divisions Part of 1, & 2 3 4 & 5

DS

5/1978

Trade

Competition & Consumer Affairs

4/1980

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Full name William Ian McINDOE

Date of birth/age 11 March 1929 (age 52)

Nationality British

Professional and academic qualifications MA Second Class Honours (Upper Division) in Classical Studies and Philosophy

Languages other than English French

Present post Deputy Secretary in charge of Environmental Protection, dealing with Water Directorates and Air, Noise and Waste

Directly relevant previous career experience Transport (Bus and Shipping) Division in Scottish Development Department

Experience with international organisations, foreign contacts, etc. Commonwealth Relations Office: Western & UN Dept.; Office UK High Commissioner, Canberra; Office UK High Commissioner, Salisbury. In charge of Division in Department of Agriculture & Fisheries for Scotland dealing with EEC co-ordination; agricultural support policy and subsidies; co-operation and marketing; food processing.

CB 1978

Mar 11

Established

Department

Professional
or other
qualifications

School Sedbergh High
University Oxford
Subject Classics Philosophy
Degree Upper 2nd

Outside
experience

Army RHA 2/Lt 1951-53

Postgraduate
study

S	ICE	Department	Division or Post	Grade	Date
CAREER		CRO	Western and UN Dept.	AP	1953
			Constitutional Dept.		1954
			Off.UK High Comm. Canberra		1957
			Off.UK High Comm. Salisbury	P	1958
			PS to Sec.of State		1962
		Cab.Off.	PPS to Secretary		1963
			Histories Section	AS	1965
		SED	Schools Div.		1966
		SDD	Transport Div.		1969
		DAFS	Head of Div.C		1/1971
			Plant Health, Horticulture Agricultural	US	11/1971
			Co-operation & Credit Crop & Livestock		
			Guarantees, Food Processing, Animal Health,		
			Livestock Improvement & Ag Labour		
		EPD			6/1975
		Cab.Off.	Home & Social Affairs	DS	2/2/1976
		DOE	Environmental Protection & Water Engineering		3/1979

SENIOR STAFF IN CONFIDENCE



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR IAN BANCROFT

DIRECTOR GENERAL VII (TRANSPORT) :
EUROPEAN COMMISSION

I have shown the Prime Minister your minute of 7 May 1981 and she agrees that Mr Steele's name should be put forward as one of the candidates for the DG VII post in Brussels.

JW.

8 May 1981

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File A11



Prime Minister.

You will remember Mr Steele!
Continue with his name should
go forward?

MR C A WHITMORE

Yes not

full
7.2.81

DIRECTOR GENERAL VII (TRANSPORT) : EUROPEAN
COMMISSION

In my minute of 24 April I recommended three names to be put forward as UK candidates for the DG VII post. Subsequently, one of them, Mr Knighton, withdrew his candidature. As it would still be advisable to field three candidates, I now recommend adding Mr J R Steele, Department of Industry, to the list.

Mr Steele is currently the Deputy Secretary in charge of the policy divisions concerned with amongst other things vehicles, shipbuilding, iron and steel, chemicals and textiles. I
... attach his CV.

I should be grateful for the Prime Minister's approval that Mr Steele's name may be put forward.

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IAN BANCROFT
7 May 1981

Steele J R

CB

1929

Deputy Secretary

1976

TRADE

Feb 22

Established

Department

Professional
or other
qualificationsOutside
experienceSchool
University
Subject
DegreeQueen Elizabeth Gram Sch,
Oxford
Classical
M A - 2nd
WarringtonPostgraduate
study

SERVICE CAREER	Department	Division or Post	Grade	Date
		First Appointment	Asst Principal	1951
Transport		Road Transport Administration	Principal	1957
		Military Movements Planning		1960
		General Shipping Policy		1962
Trade			Asst Secretary	1964
		Foreign Shipping Regulations		5/1965
Dip Service (4yr loan)		Washington		11/1967
Trade & Industry		Civil Aviation Division 1		12/1971
		Head of Space Division	Under Secy	1/1/73
TRADE		Shipping Policy		4/1974
		Overseas Trade	Deputy Sec	12/1976
		Civil Aviation, Shipping & Marine Division		5/1978

TRADE

Industrial Sponsorship-Industrial Raw Materials
& Miscellaneous Manufactures

DS

10/1980

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR IAN BANCROFT

DG VII (TRANSPORT), EUROPEAN COMMISSION

I have shown the Prime Minister your minute of 24 April 1981 about the post of DG VII in the European Commission. As I told Mr Colman on the telephone this morning, she is content that Mr Godden, Mr Knighton and Mr McIndoe should be put forward as candidates for this appointment.

JAW.

27 April 1981

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