



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

10 August 1979

AF 21.8.79

flex 16
Minutes

The Prime Minister has seen Lord Mowbray and Stourton's minute of 30 July, seeking her consent to his continuing to be a Lloyds Underwriter.

The terms of Questions of Procedure for Ministers relevant to this case are (paragraph 74):

"It is clearly inappropriate that (Ministers) should take an active part in the management of the syndicates of which they are members; and there may be cases in which, because of the emphasis of a syndicate's business, any continued participation in it must be regarded as inconsistent with the holding of a particular Ministerial Office."

Paragraph 74 goes on to note that the Prime Minister will need to be satisfied that these conditions are met before granting permission. Could you please confirm to me that Lord Mowbray and Stourton is confident that his arrangements meet these conditions?

M. A. PATTISON

The Private Secretary to
Lord Mowbray and Stourton,
Department of the Environment.

M. A. Pattison

17 August 1979

Thank you for your letter of 17 August.
I am sure that the Prime Minister will be
content with the unequivocal assurance
offered by Lord Mowbray.

M. A. PATTISON

SB

Miss Helen Branney,
Department of the Environment.



Department of the Environment and
Department of Transport
Common Services
Room
2 Marsham Street London SW1P 3EB
Telex 22221 Direct line 01-212 3391
Switchboard 01-212 3434

FROM THE OFFICE OF LORD MOWBRAY AND STOURTON

17th August 1979

Dear Mr. Pattison,

Lord Mowbray has asked me to thank you for your letter of 10 August about his continuing his Lloyds underwriting activities.

Having further considered paragraph 74 of Questions of Procedure for Ministers, he would be grateful if you could assure the Prime Minister that he is "a totally sleeping name at Lloyds with no active interests there other than the results!"

Lord Mowbray trusts that this satisfies the requirements of paragraph 74.

Yours sincerely,
Helen Branney.

MISS H BRANNEY
Private Secretary

M Pattison Esq

17 AUG 1979



Ref: A0116



MR. PATTISON

Your minute of 1st August asked for advice on the letter of 30th July to the Prime Minister from Lord Mowbray and Stourton seeking the Prime Minister's agreement to his continuing to be a Lloyds Underwriter. As you say, his letter does not indicate the basis on which he proposes to continue his activities. I have been trying to ascertain more myself but without success hitherto. I suggest that the Prime Minister agree to Lord Mowbray and Stourton's request subject to his confirming, in accordance with paragraph 74 of Question of Procedure, that he is not involved in any syndicates which may give rise to a conflict of interest and that he will not be actively involved in their management.

MJV.

(M. J. Vile)

9th August, 1979

Ministers

| BF 8/8/79 |

MR. VILE,
CABINET OFFICE.

31.7.79 I would be grateful for advice on the
N ~~attached~~ request from Lord Mowbray and Stourton
for the Prime Minister's approval to his
continuing his Lloyds underwriting activities.

His request is not exactly informative,
and sounds to me to imply more activity than
is acceptable under the terms of Paragraph 74
of "Questions of Procedure for Ministers".

MAP

1 August 1979

GB



Department of the Environment
2 Marsham Street London SW1

Telephone 01-212 3484 3391

Dear Prime Minister,

30 July 1979

Whilst speaking to Bertie Denham recently, he reminded me that I should seek your consent to continuing being a Lloyds Underwriter. The purpose of this note is therefore to do just that. I hope that it will be in order for me to carry on with my underwriting activities.

Yours sincerely
Charles

LORD MOWBRAY AND STOURTON

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP

30 JUL 1979

