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cc: C.O.

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

9 October 1979

Dear Peter,

Thank you so much for your letter of 25 September. Of course I have no objection to your carrying on in the two jobs you mention. I am sure that both will be of great value.

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The Honourable Peter Brooke, M.P.

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PRIME MINISTER

This letter from Peter Brooke seeks your permission for him to remain a member of the Advisory Council of the Business Graduates Association and also of the Foundation for Management Education. Cabinet Office advice (attached) is that there is no difficulty whatsoever about this.

I attach a letter for you to send to Mr. Brooke.

MS

8 October 1979

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MR. SANDERS

I am sorry not to have replied earlier to your minute of 27th September seeking advice on the letter to the Prime Minister from Mr. Peter Brooke, MP. I wish to establish from the Departments of Industry and Education and Science whether the Business Graduates Association or the Foundation for Management Education received financial support from the Government or were in the practice of making policy statements which might cause embarrassment to any Government Minister involved in these bodies. I have now established that neither in fact is in receipt of Government funds. I am also advised that neither body is at all likely to get involved in any public controversy involving Government policy. In so far as they have dealings with Government, both organisations seem to operate in a behind-the-scenes and responsible fashion. We would not therefore in these circumstances advise the Prime Minister to suggest Mr. Brooke terminate his association with the Business Graduates Association or decline the offer from the Foundation for Management Education, particularly as Mr. Brooke accepts that he should resign from either body if they were in danger of coming into conflict with Government.

MJV.

(M. J. Vile)

8th October 1979



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From the Private Secretary

MR. VILE
CABINET OFFICE

I attach a copy of a letter from the Honourable Peter Brooke, M.P. seeking the Prime Minister's guidance on his membership of two advisory bodies.

Have you any strong views about this? My first reaction is that they look inoffensive, but there might perhaps be more to it than that.

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27 September 1979

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Prime Minister,

I would welcome your guidance as to whether two outside associations are appropriate on my part as a member of your Government.

For several years Michael Marshall and I have been members of the Advisory Council of the Business Graduates Association, both of us holding MBA degrees from Harvard. Michael has understandably resigned, given his responsibilities at the Department of Industry. Partly because of Michael's

resignation the BGA are anxious
I should continue to serve. I have
told them I will let them know.

Arising separately out
of this, John Bolton (of the Bolton
Committee on Small Businesses) has
recommended my name to the
Foundation for Management Education,
with which I believe Keith Joseph
may once have been associated.

I have likewise told them I would
let them know.

I am entirely in your
hands on both tasks, which are of

course unpaid. My only
interest would be as to
to which course represented the best
service to the Government, and I
would of course instantly resign from
either if they were in danger of coming
into conflict with Government.

I ought perhaps finally
to mention, though it is a private
convenience of the Whips' Office and
not a public fact, that I am the
Education Whip, which has a
two-edged relevance.

Yours sincerely
Peter Brooke
