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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

6 March 1980

We spoke yesterday about the Chairmanship of the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

You told me that the Chancellor of the Duchy and the Secretary of State for the Environment had it in mind to approach Lord Charteris or Lord Harlech in that order of preference.

I can confirm that the Prime Minister is content for soundings to be made of these two candidates.

I am sending copies of this letter to David Edmonds (Department of the Environment), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and David Laughrin (Civil Service Department).

M. A. PATTISON

Miss Mary Giles,
Office of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

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PRIME MINISTER

There has been considerable press speculation about the Chairmanship of what is now called the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

Mr. St. John-Stevas and Mr. Heseltine have now discussed the post. Their two preferred candidates are Lord Charteris or Lord Harlech. There is some uncertainty about whether Lord Charteris would be willing to take on the job without remuneration.

In view of all the speculation, Mr. St. John-Stevas would like to give you notice of these ideas before he makes any kind of sounding.

Content that he should approach Lord Charteris and, as reserve, Lord Harlech?

MA Yes out

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Dear Colin,

*discussed with Mr Brandes and
Mr Sharvov. CVP. 4/3.*

Thank you for your letter of 20 February about the National Heritage Fund. I gather that you are away from the office for a day or two and I thought that as an aide memoire I would give you a list of four names in order of preference which I understand the Chancellor of the Duchy proposes to discuss with Mr Heseltine. These names are :-

- Lord Charteris
- Lord Harlech
- Mr Evelyn de Rothschild
- Lady Spencer.

If when you are back at the office and have had a chance to consider this list you could spare a few minutes to have a chat, I will be glad to come over.

Yours
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