

MR PETERSON

As you know, Mr Heseltine and Mr St John Stevas were unable to agree yesterday on how to proceed on this, and the Prime Minister was not available to be consulted before the deadline expired by which we had to decide whether to introduce an amendment. In the circumstances I concluded that we had to stick to the Prime Minister's former decision that the appointments should be Prime Ministerial ones. I told the Private Offices of Mr Heseltine and Mr St John Stevas that this was my view and asked Mary Giles to see that the amendment was duly tabled.

Mr St John Stevas mentioned this to the Prime Minister this morning after a meeting on another matter, but she was not disposed to pursue the issue.

signed Clive Whitmore.

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Mr. Peterson.

As you know, Mr. Herkimer  
and Mr. St. John Graves were  
with me yesterday on their  
to present on this, and the  
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to be consulted before the  
decision was made by which we  
had to decide whether to introduce  
an amendment. In the circumstances  
I concluded that we had to stick by  
the Prime Minister's former decision  
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Ministerial ones. I told the French  
Ambassadors of Mr. Herkimer and Mr. St. John  
Graves that this was my view, and  
asked Mary Gales to see that the  
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this to the Prime Minister this morning

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