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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

STAFF IN CONFIDENCE

MR STEVENS

SPECIAL ADVISERS

The Prime Minister has authorised the re-engagement as Special Advisers of Professor Sir Alan Walters, Sir Anthony Parsons, Mr Mount, Mr Shipley and Mr Monckton.

The appointment of Sir Alan Walters is to come to an end at the end of August and he will thereafter be engaged as a consultant, at a salary of £12,500 on the basis that he spends one week per month in London: this arrangement has been approved by Sir Robert Armstrong and Mr Middleton. For the moment, in his case, you may like to prepare a letter of engagement which terminates at the end of August, but I should be grateful if you would be considering a letter of engagement for his consultancy thereafter, so that I can send this to him in the course of July.

I do not know at this stage how long the other engagements will last: in particular, strictly for your own information, Mr Mount has indicated that he may not want to complete the full two years of his original engagement, provided that a satisfactory successor can be found in the mean time. But I imagine that we should re-engage all the Special Advisers other than Sir Alan Walters for the terms of what their original engagements would have been if the General Election had not intervened.

F.E.R.B.

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