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MR. INGHAM

c. Mr. Mount

DAVID HOBSON

You will have seen Mr. Mount's minute to me of today. In order to avoid creating the concept of an honorary adviser - for which the MPO would no doubt have to devise a large volume of regulations! - I have agreed with Mr. Mount that a formulation of an announcement might be as follows:

"The Prime Minister has asked Mr. David Hobson to act as an adviser to her Policy Unit in 10 Downing Street. The appointment is part-time and carries no salary. Mr. Hobson has recently retired after 8 years as Senior Partner in Coopers and Lybrand.

Sir Douglas Hague has ceased to advise the Prime Minister's Policy Unit on his appointment as Chairman of the Social Science Research Council."

Would you please put this out on Monday, 19 September (if you see no objection to that date) in whatever form you think most appropriate.

E. E. R. BUTLER

14 September 1983

Mr. Ingham
Was Sir Douglas Hague's appointment
announced? If so, could I see
it please

14 September 1983

MR BUTLER

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cc Mr Ingham

DAVID HOBSON

14.9.

Mr Butler

No press announcement either by
press notice (as for Sir John Hordys) or through
the lobby (as for Norman Straker) was
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Following a meeting this morning, the Prime Minister has now
agreed that David Hobson should join the Policy Unit as an
honorary adviser. We would like to announce this as soon as
possible, since he will be abroad in the first part of October.
Could we aim for a Monday, 19 September announcement?

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I suggest something on the following lines:

The Prime Minister has asked Mr. David Hobson to act as an
adviser to her Policy Unit in 10 Downing Street. The appointment is
part-time and carries no salary. He will not be paid from
public funds and will work part-time. Mr Hobson has
recently retired after 8 years as Senior Partner in
Coopers and Lybrand.

"Sir Douglas Hague ^{has} ceased to ^{advise} be honorary adviser to
the Prime Minister's Policy Unit on his appointment
as Chairman of the Social Science Research Council."

FERDINAND MOUNT

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Friday 27 July 1979

(Answered by the Prime Minister on 27 July)

UNSTARRED Mr. Bob Cryer: To ask the Prime Minister, if she
NO. 94 will list her economic advisers; whether they
(W) work full - or part-time; and what is the scope
of the advice they provide.

I have not appointed any economic advisers on a full or part-time salary basis.

I have two Special Advisers: John Hoskyns who works full-time and Norman Strauss who is part-time. Professor Douglas Hague assists the Policy Unit at 10 Downing Street but only receives expenses.

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PRIME MINISTER

POLICY UNIT
19 July 1983

DAVID HOBSON

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Alan Walters suggested to me that David Hobson might make an admirable honorary adviser to the Policy Unit.

Hobson is 60 and is just retiring after 8 years as Senior Partner of Coopers Lybrand. John King and others think highly of him. As you would expect from his position, he has vast experience of both the public and the private sector, both at home and abroad, ranging from the National Coal Board to the Volta Dam.

His other great advantage is that he is very comfortably off and would require no payment. Our present honorary adviser, Douglas Hague, has resigned in view of his impending appointment to the SSRC, although he will of course pop in for a chat now and then.

David Hobson struck me as an astute man of considerable authority who would be able to give a seasoned assessment of most projects and corporate plans involving large sums of taxpayers money.

Would you like to meet him in September?

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FERDINAND MOUNT