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Prime Minister

Agree the  
Chairman  
should  
approach  
Rowland Wright?

Yes not

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Your own and other comments on my minute to you of 6th March on this subject have raised one difficult question on the list of candidates: the question of including or not people who might have a personal interest through their own past public service and pension entitlements from it.

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2. Like Paul Channon, I do not think this need debar us from including somebody with such experience as a member, but I agree on reflection that it might be wise to avoid this in the Chairman. The name of Rowland Wright has been suggested to me as a possible Chairman without any public sector background, and I think he would indeed be a good choice.

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3. If we were able to get Rowland Wright as Chairman, your preferences for Andrew Bain (or indeed Keith Joseph's suggestion of Harold Rose), Leif Mills and Gordon Bailey would make excellent first choices under those headings. None of these four would be directly connected with the public sector, which would leave us free to bring in some mixed public and private sector experience for the last member. I would be well content with your preference of Alan Lord. It would not, I think, be appropriate to ask Lord Plowden to serve as a member, but I wonder whether you would see Alex Jarratt as preferable to Alan Lord, if available, on the ground of a rather more equal balance between his public and private sector experience. I had given some thought to the possibility of someone from either local government or a nationalised /industry

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industry, who would be an alternative to Lord or Jarratt. Good candidates from these fields are certainly not obvious, and I could not think of any who would contribute more or make for a better balance.

4. It would obviously be an advantage to have settled at least the Chairmanship before we announced the enquiry. If you are attracted by the idea of Rowland Wright, would you like me to sound him?

5. I am copying this to others who received my original minute to you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "G.H." with a flourish.

(G.H.)

17 March, 1980

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