

Clive Whitmore

MEETING AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AT 9.45 p.m. ON
3RD JUNE, 1980.

1. Thank you for the original letter dated 4th June from Murdo Maclean, which I now return.

2. I would amplify that letter as follows (I numbered the headings):-

2. T.S.R.B. (a) It was agreed that the Prime Minister and the Chief Whip should refresh their memories as to the precise terms of reference which had been given to Lord Boyle.

(b) It was agreed that the attitude of the Chairman and Executive of the 1922 Committee was crucial in obtaining the support of the Parliamentary Party to any reduction in whatever figure might be recommended by Boyle. IG reported on a discussion which he had had earlier in the day with Kenneth Baker, a member of the 1922 Executive, who had been receptive to the suggestion that we should, in present circumstances accept an increase below the figure recommended by Lord Boyle.

(c) It was agreed that the Chief Whip should see Kenneth Baker and Edward du Cann, as he thought appropriate.

(d) Jim Prior's helpful attitude to this problem was noted.

4. Paintings. The Prime Minister suggested that any change about paintings should be done in conjunction with Joan Porter.

5. Robert Rhodes James. His letter to IG dated 1st June was discussed in the light of his appointment as the Party's Liaison Officer with the Universities. It was agreed that IG should see him, and then report to the Prime Minister (since done).

6. James Molyneaux, JP, MP. The Prime Minister said that she wished to discuss with you (and thereafter with WW and HA) the possibility of recommending JM for membership of the Privy Council.

5th June, 1980

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1. JOAN MARSH - ROMANIAN - DISRAELI ON
OTHER PRIME MINISTERS.
 2. MOLTENBY - P.C.
 3. BOYLE TERMS OF REFERENCE
 4. A.S. K. L.H. K. K.B.
 5. T.L. K. L.H. K. A.R.S.
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