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(ii) that we cannot take her back if her advisory services are

Prime Minister:

Agree to Mr

PRIME MINISTER no longer needed and

Lawsone proposal?

SPECIAL ADVISER (ii) that I long for a adviser who is the nearest-thing to present-day

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NRB.

I would very much like to appoint Dr Lynda Rouse as my Special Adviser

(Donald Wolfson knows the fo-people) - agreed

As you know, I have been convinced of the need for an Adviser for some time, to help improve the formulation and presentation of policy in my Department. Dr Rouse's name was one of the first that I considered but, at that time, there was no prospect of her moving from the Conservative Research Department.

I have since considered a number of other candidates, but have found no-one with qualifications to match hers. In addition to the ability and political acumen she has shown since 1979 at the CRD, where for two years she worked on the energy desk before being promoted to head of the economic section in June of last year, she has wider experience and expertise which would make her particularly valuable to me as an adviser. She has a doctorate in physical chemistry and, after a period with the Science Research Council, was Head of the Technical Planning Unit at the Materials and Energy Research Centre in Tehran. She has also published articles on solar energy in scientific journals. In short, I see her as as much an expert as a political adviser.

She is keen to join the Department and Peter Cropper is now prepared to release her from the CRD. At Peter's request, I have agreed that she should continue to work on the economic section of the Campaign Guide. Nevertheless, she fully understand that she has no right of return to the Research Department. I am certain that she would be an excellent acquisition and very much hope that you will agree to her appointment.

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P.S. Please tell SAS that I neither had nor needed an adviser what was he'd I have done & regarded the request as a 14-7 requirement not a 14-7 requirement

Secretary of State for Energy
19 November 1982