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Party Conference

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Government Chief Whip
12 Downing Street, London SW1

16th August 1979.

Dear Richard,

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PARTY CONFERENCE

The General Purposes Committee of the National Union met yesterday to finalise the agenda for the Party Conference, and the attached Motions on Rhodesia, Employment and Industrial Relations and Homes and Land were selected in place of those sent with the Chief Whip's letter of 4th August.

As a result of a Motion in the name of Mr George Gardiner being selected on Rhodesia it was necessary to change the Motion on Homes and Land. The Motion on Employment and Industrial Relations was changed because the new Motion is more closely related to the subject and for geographical reasons.

|| The Chief Whip attended the meeting but has now returned to Yorkshire. He would be grateful if you would let the Prime Minister know of the change.

Yours
Felicity Yonge

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RHODESIA

"This Conference looks forward to full recognition by H.M. Government of a multi-racial Government in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, in accordance with the Conservative Manifesto commitment."

M. G. Gardiner, M.P. Reigate and Banstead.



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EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

"This Conference welcomes the Government's initiatives on trade union reform as a positive move to improve British industrial relations, and urges Ministers to hold firm to party policy as endorsed by the electorate."

Mr. H. Merchant, Newcastle Central.



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HOMES AND LAND

"This Conference, while enthusiastically supporting the Government's policy on the sale of council houses, would ask that this be part of an overall housing strategy. To maintain availability of low cost rented accommodation for those in genuine need, the Government should:-

- i) Introduce a staged progression to the payment of full economic rents by those able to afford them;
- ii) Review the provision of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977 and the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976;
- iii) Amend the Rent Act 1977 to encourage the availability of privately rented accommodation."

Mrs. J. McNaughton, East Surrey.