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MR. VILE
CABINET OFFICE

The Prime Minister has seen Richard Prescott's letter to you of 30 May, about membership of Cabinet Committees.

She has confirmed that she agreed that Mr. Maude could attend meetings of E, H and L Committees as an observer if there was an item on the agenda which he thought had important presentational aspects.

M.A. PATTISON

1 June 1979

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Prime Minister

Mr. Maude records below ^{as an observer}
your agreement to his attending
meetings of E, H and L Committees
where there is an item which
might have presentational aspects.

Can you confirm that this
is what you agreed at your
meeting with him? (If not, I
think that David Wolfson would
like to have a word with you
about this, as he has been
discussing various matters with
Mr. Maude, and he sees this as
part of a package of arrangements
for Mr. Maude's working procedure.)

Yes pls

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31 May 1979



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30 May 1979

From THE PAYMASTER GENERAL

Martin Vile Esq
Private Secretary to
Sir John Hunt GCB
Cabinet Office

Dear Martin

MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET COMMITTEES

Thank you for your letter of 18 May about the Paymaster General's membership of, and access to the documents of, Ministerial Committees. As I am sure you know by now, the Paymaster General saw the Prime Minister on 22 May and amongst other things the membership of Cabinet committees was raised. The Minister has informed me that the Prime Minister agreed that he could attend meetings of 'E', 'H' and 'L' Committees if there was an item on the agenda which was felt to have important presentational aspects.

The purpose of this minute is to record this fact and to suggest that as and when the need arises I make arrangements with the Secretary of the appropriate committee for Mr Maude to attend.

✓ I am copying this letter to Ken Stowe.

*Yours ever
Richard*

R E S PRESCOTT
Private Secretary

*Mr. Maude attends as
an observer - notes
a member. and.*

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