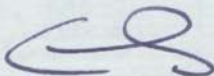


MR WHITMORE

Could you please give me your advice on the attached letter from the Earl of Drogheda and Sir Claus Moser.

It really is not on for the Prime Minister to get involved in the Royal Opera House Development Appeal. Not only because it is the Minister for the Arts responsibility but also because the flood-gates would open and she would be inundated with similar requests.

According to Robert Armstrong you already know that Norman St. John-Stevas is asking various groups to come and see the Prime Minister and if you agree I would like to tell Mr. St. John-Stevas that this advice must cease and I will send a regret to Drogheda and Moser.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'C' or 'S' shape.

19 February 1980