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Prime Minister

The Lloyds Bill is reminding  
many Ministers of their  
obligations.

26 February 1981

Content for Mr Blaker to  
remain a name? We see  
no problem,

Yes  
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Dear Pattison

Following our telephone conversation this morning and in the absence of any surviving copy of a letter from my predecessor to No 10 on this subject, I would like to repeat his request, under the terms of paragraph 74 of C(P)(79)1, for the Prime Minister's permission for Mr Blaker to remain a 'name' at Lloyds.

Mr Blaker who has been a 'name' for a number of years has, since assuming office, played no active part in the management of the affairs of any of the syndicates nor could the business of any syndicate with which he is connected be regarded as inconsistent with his holding of Ministerial office.

Yours ever

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*From the Private Secretary*

2 March 1981

Thank you for your letter of 26 February, recalling Mr. Blaker's request for the Prime Minister's permission for him to remain a name at Lloyds. I can confirm that the Prime Minister has no objection.

For the record neither we nor those whom we would have consulted have any record of earlier correspondence on this point.

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