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What now?

Angus - Geoffrey N has not  
come back to me on this.

If he wants to say yes, feel free to

Dear Maia, progress in my absence. 31/7  
If not, return to me ok. 4/8.

Thank you for your letter of 22 July about the appointment of  
Alan Johnson MP as an adviser to Mr McCartney on the Post  
Office Review.

I understand the points you make, and in the light of them I  
should like to confirm that our wish is to appoint Alan  
Johnson as an unpaid ad hoc adviser on the Review. In view of  
his past association with the Communication Workers Union, we  
think it important to be entirely open about his appointment,  
and we would therefore want to announce it publicly. We would  
wish Mr Johnson to be free to see at least in principle all  
papers relating to the Review, and we doubt whether restricted  
or selective access of the kind you suggest would be either  
practical or would serve our purpose.

I should therefore be grateful if you would now seek the Prime  
Minister's agreement to Alan Johnson's appointment on this  
basis.

I am copying this letter to Peter Schofield (HM Treasury),  
Paul Cohen (President of the Council's Office) and Jan Polley  
(Cabinet Office).

Yours,

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