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Content that Mr. Judd should  
do this?

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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London SW1A 2AH

6 April 1982

Dear John,

UN Special Session on Disarmament

The Prime Minister may wish to know that we are proposing to ask Frank Judd, the Director of Voluntary Service Overseas, to join the UK Delegation to the UN Special Session as an 'independent adviser in liaison with British non-governmental organisations'. An announcement would be made in Parliament as soon as Mr Judd had formally accepted the invitation.

We have been under some pressure from various NGOs to attach one of their representatives to the UK Delegation, on the precedent of Lord Noel-Baker's attendance at the first Special Session in 1978. The names suggested by the NGOs were of people who would be completely opposed to Government policy and who had no knowledge of international negotiations. We obviously wished to find someone of sensible ideas who would be acceptable to the NGOs. Mr Pym agrees that Mr Judd would be the best man for the job. His experience as a Minister in MOD, ODA and FCO would be particularly valuable. I should be grateful if you could confirm that the Prime Minister would not object to our offering this post to Mr Judd.

I am copying this letter to Peter Graine in Mr Blaker's office in the Ministry of Defence.

Yours ever,

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Private Secretary

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13 April, 1982

UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

Thank you for your letter of 6 April. The Prime Minister is content that Mr Frank Judd should be invited to join the United Kingdom Delegation as an 'independent adviser in liaison with British non-governmental organisations'.

I am copying this letter to Peter Graine (Ministry of Defence).

F N Richards, Esq  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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