



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister.

I attend Mr. Zenger's
letter. You said that you wanted
to reply.

The announcement of his
resignation will be made at 1100
on Saturday 8th May. We are not
publishing his letter.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Dear Prime Minister,
I have found it a great privilege and
pleasure to be an Assistant Whip in your
administration. I have much enjoyed working
with the Chief Whip and his team. They have
my affection and admiration.

Sadly, I find that I can not support
the Northern Ireland Bill. I believe that
it will create further instability in the
Province and that it will undermine the
unity of the Kingdom. Accordingly I ask
you to accept my resignation as a Whip.
The Government has my whole hearted
support in all other matters. I much admire
your integrity and courage.
Yours sincerely
Mike Budger