

PRIME MINISTER

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Anglo/German Bilaterals - DTI Representation

You asked whether Mr. Tebbit could attend the Anglo/German bilaterals after all, if Mr. Lamont were to answer Questions for him in the afternoon.

DTI's problem is that Mr. Channon will be in the USA on 2 May. Mr. Tebbit feels that he must therefore be at the despatch box himself to answer on trade matters.

It would of course be possible for Mr. Tebbit to cover also for Mr. Lamont. But DTI are not keen on this because their Ministerial team will already be depleted.

Count Lambsdorff will be represented by his Permanent Secretary. Agree in the circumstances that DTI may be represented by Mr. Lamont in the morning, and by one of the Department's Permanent Secretaries in the afternoon?

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