

Chairman

PRIME MINISTER

Just to pass on two separate messages which I received before going on holiday.

1. Russell Fairgrieve came to see me to let you know that he would be very happy to become Chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party!! He did not know whether James Goold was likely to carry on until the next election but Russell told me that "he had the impression" that James might not wish to go for the full term. Russell Fairgrieve's view was that Scotland needed the same Chairman for a full three years before the next election to get the necessary work done. I did no more than to say I would pass on his thoughts.
  
2. Norman Tebbit has told me that he has been asked to write a book and he is inclined to accept. He wanted you to know this in case rumours appear in the press. He told me that the book would be a general autobiographical book together with some of his views on politics. But that it would contain no indiscretions.

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