

Hart

PRIME MINISTER

David Hart tried to telephone you over the weekend but was not put through because you were so busy. I therefore spoke to him myself this morning and all the matters were easily dealt with by me and I need not trouble you with them - except for one piece of intelligence.

Hart said that he spoke to David Young on Sunday. David Young expressed the clear view apparently that to give up any of his powers in the DTI to become Chairman would leave him with only "a shell" of his Department. (David Hart did express his view that not to give them up if he were to become Chairman would be politically unacceptable).

I thought you ought to be aware of this. It does suggest that David Young will fight to stay at DTI.

You are seeing Norman Tebbit on Friday morning after his return from the United States. If you want to get the Chairmanship decided next Friday - and IF you were to ask David Young to become Chairman - you would have to see David Young before the Friday, because you may need a bit of extra time if things did not go easily with him.

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