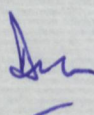


PRIME MINISTER

I attach this evening's market report.  
As you will see, the 1% rise seems to have  
done the trick in holding the pound steady  
despite the trade figures.

As you had suggested, the Chancellor appeared  
on television this afternoon to spread reassurance.  
Reaction from the Opposition so far has  
been muted and largely ineffectual: Mr. Kinnock's  
appearance on the 6 o'clock news sounded  
more of sour grapes than trade crisis.

  
DOMINIC MORRIS

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