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PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Tebbit has asked his Private Secretary to let me have the following account of Mr. Tebbit's conversation with Mr. Heseltine on Monday night. The visit to Stoke Mandeville had been at Mr. Heseltine's suggestion.

1. Mr. Heseltine did not intend, now that he was on the back benches, to renege on policies which he had supported while in Cabinet.
2. He would not join back bench groups or encourage one to form around him.
3. He would continue to be constructive in speeches, but would want to suggest, from time to time, new directions for policies.

We shall have to see!

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