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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Near John

Thank you so much for standing in for me on Prime Minister's Questions for what must be a record number of three occasions in a row. I have kept in touch with events from afar and I understand that you answered questions with your customary wit and eloquence. To answer open questions for the first time is a formidable task but you clearly remained undaunted. I am, nevertheless, sorry to have to impose upon you again next Tuesday when I am in Athens for the European Council meeting.

The Rt. Hon. John Biffen, M.P.