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In your letter to Mr. Lever of 27th July you asked the FCO, in consultation with the Cabinet Office, to make suggestions about the Ministerial and official composition of the team for the visit to Bonn on 31st October.

I discussed that with Sir Michael Palliser on the flight back from Lusaka and I think we were agreed that the Prime Minister ought to be accompanied by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Defence and the Secretary of State for Energy but that on balance the arguments were against the Minister of Agriculture being included. The FCO will be advising you accordingly.

There is however one point about official representation which should come more appropriately from me. The Prime Minister likes to keep our official team as small as possible and for European consultations she is usually accompanied by either Mr. Franklin or me but not both of us. I am sure Mr. Franklin should be in the party for Bonn because he will have been handling a number of matters which will be high on the agenda. Sir Robert Armstrong is however due to take over from me at the start of the week beginning 29th October and this visit would provide him with a chance to talk to his opposite number in the German Chancellery, Dr. Schueller, with whom he will have dealings in the future on a number of subjects. I hope therefore that the Prime Minister will agree that on this occasion she should be accompanied by both Sir Robert Armstrong and Mr. Franklin.

(John Hunt)

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