

10 DOWNING STREET

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The Prime Minister is giving a lunch at Chequers on Sunday, 25 November. She wants to invite Members of Parliament and trade union Secretaries. So could you please produce a list of Tory MPs who at least know something about trade unions?

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Trade Umono CAROLINE Lunch at Chequers on Sunday 25th November for Trade Unionists The Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of our Employment Committee are Nicholas Scott, David Knox and David Madel. I recommend, particularly, that Nicholas Scott and his (new) Wife should be invited. Scott is influential in the Conservative Party, and is on the Executive of the 1922 Committee. He is not as hostile to the Prime Minister as the Prime Minister may think. He is worth cultivating. David Knox is hostile to the Prime Minister; but should not, I think, on that account be excluded. David Madel is very wet, and fairly unsound. The two Joint Secretaries of the Employment Committee are both new Members, Peter Lloyd and Richard Needham. I do not think that it is necessary to invite either of them. I think that it would be a nice idea to invite a Senior figure in the Party; I suggest Sir Paul Bryan, who was Minister of State at the Department of Employment from 1970 - 72. He is Vice-Chairman of the 1922 Committee. The Prime Minister may also like to consider inviting Lord Carr. 6th November, 1979 Ian Gow