

PRIME MINISTER

Memoirs

1. Whitelaw

Willie Whitelaw is collaborating on his memoirs with two others, with the objective of going to print in about a year's time. Tom Arnold is his publisher.

His main aim is to concentrate on his period in Northern Ireland and the Home Office, and not to dwell too much on the unique relationship he had with you. There is clearly a risk that as the autobiography progresses the temptation to reveal more will grow. However, Tom does not think he will exceed his original remit.

He has negotiated serial rights already with "The Sunday Times" for £100,000, and has turned down higher offers from tabloids who wanted much more coverage of his times with you.

2. Tebbit

Norman Tebbit's biography will be coming out, "for crude commercial reasons," two to three days before the Party Conference.

He is prepared to dismiss the assertions made in other books about the General Election. However, he considers that the latest account by Butler and Kavanagh is of a different and more scholarly character, and in his opinion has been double-checked and confirmed by all those involved, including No 10.

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Therefore, with a certain amount of menace, he promises to put the record straight in his book.

I asked for an advance copy, which he was not enthusiastic to give me, but I intend to keep in touch with him over this.



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