

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

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Mr. James Currie

**Acting Head of European Commission Delegation
in Washington**

Mr. Currie was born in 1941 in Kilmarnock, Scotland. He is married with two children.

He was educated at St. Joseph's School in Scotland and graduated with an MA (Honors) in 1968 from Glasgow University.

Mr. Currie joined the Scottish Office in 1968 and worked successively on transport policy and industrial development matters.

He transferred to the Foreign Office in 1982 and, until 1986, was Counsellor at the UK Permanent Representation to the EEC, responsible for regional policy, social affairs, transport and environment. He chaired transport negotiations in the Council of Ministers during the UK Presidency in 1986.

In January 1987, Mr. Currie was appointed Director of European Regional Development in the European Commission.

From January 1989 to January 1993, Mr. Currie was Chef de Cabinet of Sir Leon Brittan, Vice President of the European Commission.

In January 1993, Mr. Currie was transferred to the Washington Delegation as Deputy Head of Delegation. Since April he has served as Acting Head of the Washington Delegation.

Mr. Currie's interests include tennis, rugby, golf, guitar and good food.

June 1995

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CURRENT POSITION

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Director General of Customs and Indirect Taxation (DG XXI) in Brussels.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD

March-October 1995

Acting Head of Delegation, E.C. Delegation

1993-1996

Minister and Deputy Head of European Commission Delegation to the US based in Washington D.C.

1989-1993

Chef de Cabinet to Sir Leon Brittan, Vice President of European Commission in Brussels

1987-1989

Director of Programs in European Regional Development Fund (DG-XIV, European Commission, Brussels)

1982-1986

Counselor at UK Permanent Representation to EC, Brussels. Responsible for Environment, Transportation, Regional Development and Social Policy issues, including negotiations in EC Council of Ministers

1980-1982

Assistant Secretary for Industrial Development in Scottish Industry Department, Glasgow

1976-1980

Assistant Secretary for Transportation at Scottish Development Department, Edinburgh

1968-1976

Successively traineeship (Scottish Health Department), principal for youth training and development (Scottish Education Department) and chief of planning staff to heads of department (Scottish offices)

EDUCATION

1968

MA (Honors) in Modern Languages, Glasgow University

1964-5

Teaching experience in Sete, France

1950s

High School studies in St Joseph's, Kilmarnock, Scotland and Blairs College, Aberdeen, Scotland

FAMILY HISTORY

Born November 1941 in Kilmarnock, Scotland

Married to Evelyn Barbara MacIntyre

One son Alistair John MacIntyre Currie

One daughter Jennifer MacIntyre Currie