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Mr. William Rees-Mogg
The Times
New Printing House Square
Greys Inn Road
London

Dear Mr. Rees-Mogg,

Though my fingers itch almost daily to take part in current controversies, I am restraining myself to save my strength to finish a book which in the long run I believe to be more important. But Sir Ian Gilmour's article in your issue of the 12 will force me to speak out and in this connection I shall be grateful for your help. I have a long-standing engagement to speak on March 26th to the Monday Club under the title The Muddle of the Middle and I shall now clearly have to use the occasion to answer Gilmour. My request is therefore whether you could let me have a copy of the complete text of his speech, which I presume you have. I will offer in return that if I have a manuscript (I usually hate speaking from one but in this case I may now have to) you can have it if you wish to.

Sincerely,

F.A. Hayek