

From: The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC MP



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I have read your very important letter to Willie about the Galbraith lectures, and entirely agree with your analysis of the serious impact of such an extended performance if it is not robustly balanced. I saw Galbraith when he was here in the summer and gathered that he had been spending a great deal of time with the BBC in preparing and recording these lectures.

The only additional suggestions I can make to your list of possible repliers would be Milton Friedman himself, or Professor Friedrich Hayek (perhaps now too old). I fancy that Peter Bauer's style would be too exotic to match Galbraith's plausibility. Is it impossible to consider Ralph Harris, the Director of the IEA? Galbraith deserves such a robust opponent; he has the energy and enthusiasm and is always regarded (rightly) by Conservative audiences as a colourful and impressive lecturer.

I am copying this letter to Willie, Margaret, Peter, Angus, and Chris Patten.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Keith Joseph Bt., M.P.