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In preparing this note, I am less optimistic than I was after the evening with Enoch. He has become restive and somewhat mischievous. Yet who can say that the burden of real power would not fruitfully harness these surplus energies? ~~that he is not the child misbehaving in order to attract notice?~~

I do not know. My misgivings stem in part from the consideration that even were we to reach a modus vivendi with him, what is there to stop his mercurial temperament changing yet again? But it is reasonable to suppose that whatever the strength of the "X factor", it would by the nature of things be less ~~decisive~~ ^{likely to occur, less powerful} were we in government than while we share with him the frustrations of opposition. This suggests, in turn, that in addition to all the other disadvantages of having Enoch in our camp before the election, we could not be x certain that we should not be denied the benefits of his adherence while suffering the disbenefits in full. ⁽ Were he, however, to mute his antagonism, or even show some moderated benevolence towards us during the election period, while leaving open the possibility of some post-electoral arrangement ^e that would be the most we could hope for.

But all these considerations are for you and Margaret. ~~x~~ With the FSD, I have fulfilled my task. I remain as ever in contact with Enoch on a personal basis without committing the Centre or my patrons.