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## HOBHOUSE LECTURE

Mr. Davies, Publications Officer at the LSE, rang to ask whether the Institute would be interested in publishing your lecture. I said in principle we would be interested, but that we should have to think what we could displace from our publications programme. He also suggested a copyright fee (of around £100) or a royalty. I said we did not like royalties and Ralph says £100 is more than we normally pay.

But more important than all this is your opinion on whether you would prefer the lecture to be published by the Hobhouse people or by the IEA. I did not want to say anything that would make it easier for Mr. Davies to tell you that we would take the lecture and thus absolve the Hobhouse people from publishing it.

Would you therefore let me have a line on what you think?

(We have three Papers which are already in the pipeline so that we could not publish the lecture until the late summer but I suppose that would leave us about six or seven months before it appears in volume III of LLL.)

*It was splendid to see you in such good form in London. I am glad you were critical of the conservatives. They need fortifying intellectually (this morning's Sunday Leader puts it well - enclosed).*

Arthur Seldon

*Kindest regards*

P.S. Your note of 27 May has just arrived. Copies of the IEA Papers you have marked are being posted to you in the next few days.

*Yours etc  
Arthur*