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Prime Minister

YOUR SPEECH TO THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS

1. Herewith letter from Greville Janner, together with a copy of my reply.
2. You did not tell me that you had received a standing ovation after your speech.
3. Both Greville Janner and Ivan Lawrence sought me out yesterday to say that your speech had been extremely well received. I really think that, judging from their joint reaction, and despite your understandable feelings about a stab in the back from a Conservative, you are over-anxious about Andrew Devonshire's remark.
4. Although obviously I did not mention your concern about Andrew Devonshire to Greville, Ivan Lawrence said that he thought that your speech would only have done good and there will be nothing unfavourable in the Jewish Chronicle.
5. According to Greville, and Ivan, you were the star of the evening, and your speech will be remembered long after Andrew Devonshire's ill-chosen words have been forgotten.

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