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The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M. P.

Dan Mayant.

Here is the draft which Jock prepared for me as long ago as the end of last November on press freedom. I was intending to clear it with Jim Prior before making it.

There are press cuttings available to support the references to the TUC. Moss Evans made a most injudicious speech, criticised strongly by The Times first leader, about TUC monitoring service.

You may wish to have the speech brought right up to date by Jock and to check with Jim.

I had intended to point out that the Liberals ought to be determined to protect the freedom of the press against the onslaught presided over by a Labour government.