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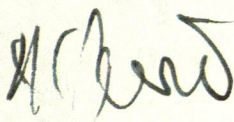
Dear Ian

The Dame Margery Corbett Ashby Memorial Lecture looks interesting. It should presumably be conceived and written from end to end by one person, and then possibly edited by another, rather than being a hotch-potch type of speech. (I have always argued that a lecture should be a lecture, and that if the Prime Minister has some current or political points to make, they would best be made separately; opportunities are not in short supply). If I were to be involved I should like to know what the guidelines are, and who previously spoke, before proposing a subject or subjects. As I say, it does well to distinguish between lectures and speeches.

My own movements as from now are that I spend the last week of June away in Belgrade. Between next week, when the Falklands Crisis may have lost much of its intensity, and the time of my departure, I would use ^{the time} to moot the subjects and get agreement on a general outline.

What do you think?

Yours sincerely



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