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*Jan Margent.*

The burglary on my house was apparently not in any way political.

Some furniture was taken as was a cassette-player and a tape-recorder and a wrist-watch.

A strong box, which might have been thought to contain valuables - but which in fact contained only papers - was forced open and the contents scattered all over the room.

So was a locked briefcase. There were four sensitive papers in my possession at home - the paper on a "Hung Parliament", two Fentiman papers on tax matters, and a Stepping Stones paper.

Not one of them was taken. I have them all under lock and key in a place more protective than is my home.

The moral is to keep not even four sensitive papers, even in a locked box, at home.

I shall make other arrangements for any papers that I feel it necessary to keep.

I am copying to Angus and to Chris and Adam Ridley for confidential information.

*Keith*