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Personal

Wednesday 29 June 77

Dear Lady Rambootham,

Thank you for your letter

of 20th June.

I never read 'Private Eye'

and had no idea of what it said

until I received your letter. The story

is totally false and most-hurtful

to you & Sir Peter and also to Denise.

Now can it be attributed to New York because

Mr. Mrs. Booth entertained us there and

were most kind and generous in their

hospitably. I didn't stay in a
hotel anywhere on that tour.

With regard to my alleged silence
in the House - I saw the story in the
evening papers just before I went into
question time but had not time to
read it properly. Immediately after
question I left to go on a five day
tour of Scotland and to attend our
party conference there. I had a very
bitter speech to do at the mass meeting
in Perth about devolution etc. and
didn't think such a venue a fitting



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occasion to raise the issue. On
Monday, I was in East Angles
and Willie Whitehead dealt with
the Prime Minister's statement.

We could not have been
received better had we been royally
itself. You were both marvellous to us
and we valued your advice, your
knowledge and were thrilled with the
reception and dinner you gave us.
And we enjoyed it all so much.

Since then, I have been in
many Embassies throughout the
world. All our Ambassadors have been
most kind but none has melted
Sir Peter - indeed I have fore about
say up quite greatly that he is by
far the best Ambassador that we have,
and any country would be privileged
to have his services. We hold you both
in the highest esteem and we are very
glad to have visited the Embassy when
you were there.



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