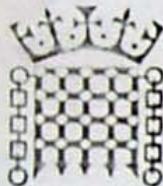


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Wednesday 29 June 77

Dear Lady Ransbottom.

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of 20th June.

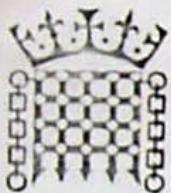
I never read 'Private Eye'
and had no idea of what it said
until I received your letter. The story
is totally false and most hurtful
to you & Sir Peter and also to Dennis.
Nor can it be attributed to New York because
Mr. Mrs. Doohr entertained us there and
were most kind and generous in their

hospitably. I didn't stay in a

hot anywhere on the tour.

With regard to my alleged silence
in the House - I saw the story in the
newspapers just before I went into
question time but had no time to
read it properly. Immediately after
question time I left to go on a five day
tour of Scotland and Scotland our
party believe here. I had a very
busy speech to do at the mass meeting
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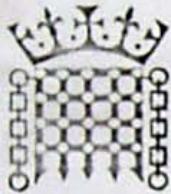
occasions to raise the issue. On Monday, I was in East Morden and with the White Paper dealt with the Prime Minister's statement.

We could not have been received better had we been royalty 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.

Precious, I have been in
many Embassies throughout the
world. All our Ambassadors have been
most kind but none has excelled
Sir Peter - indeed I have frequently
said up quite openly 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 here.

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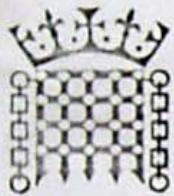


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