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Professor Griffiths - Media

In Tim's note for the record you say you would like to consider bringing together a group of sympathetic economists and economic journalists in early August to see if they could help mobilise public opinion.

A word of caution.

We have already had our problems over an invitation to a group of economists; their meeting with you leaked and you rearranged.

We have also a celebrated case of a problem over inviting in a group of Lobby journalists, let alone economic journalists who, in my experience, have little respect for rules.

The fact that both groups are friendly is neither here nor there; they talk.

Boring and tedious though it may be, it is better to operate, certainly with journalists, on an individual basis.

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