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When the President of the Zoological Society in London, Lord Zuckerman, was in here on other business recently, he reminded me of the London Zoo's need for a fertile female Giant Panda.

2. The Chinese presented a pair of Pandas to the British people about 8 years ago ( at the time of Mr. Heath's visit to China). As it turns out the female of that pair is highly unlikely ever to breed. The male has, on the other hand, proved his fertility. The London Zoo would clearly like to have a fertile female and, in due course, a baby Panda.

3. I think that Lord Zuckerman hopes that, if the Prime Minister were to be offered a female Giant Panda for the British people she might feel able to accept it.

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