

PRIME MINISTER

Your Meeting With American Journalists

We have spoken to John Wallach of Hearst Newspapers who used a recorded extract of your session with the Americans on the 'Today' programme. We have also spoken to Sterling Slappey of Georgetown University who is the Group leader.

Both are extremely apologetic about what happened and have written to say so. Slappey, whose letter is attached, is especially upset and anxious that the Group's reputation should not be impaired by Wallach's indiscretion. He still hopes you might see a similar Group, but without Wallach, next year.

In apologising, and acknowledging his mistake, Wallach pleads that he is one of your strongest supporters and admirers. His articles do in fact bear this out.

Agree I should reply in fairly cool terms to them both without making any commitment whatsoever in respect of any future visit?

JK.

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Yes not

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