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PRIME MINISTER

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Sir Siegmund Warburg will be 80 on 30 September, and Lord Weinstock, Sir Isaiah Berlin, Mr Grierson and Mr Jacob Rothschild are proposing to give a small dinner in his honour on 5 October at the Ritz.

2. They have asked me to inquire whether you would by any chance be willing to accept an invitation to come to the dinner. Both they and Sir Siegmund Warburg would be greatly honoured if you would; but would of course understand if you did not feel able to take it on, so close to the Party Conference.

3. I don't suppose you could get away without a speech; but it could be an absolutely informal speech, since it would be a private occasion.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

16 March 1982



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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

I have had a word with the Prime Minister about the possibility of her dining on 30 September to celebrate the 80th Birthday of Siegmund Warburg.

Alas, she is not able to accept this invitation. It is the day after she returns from China and just before the Conservative Party Conference. Could you please pass on her regrets.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

18 March, 1982