



Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

Spoke on the
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Dear Sir,
I gather that, following the surprising resignation of Lord Swann after less than a year as Provost of Oriel College, Oxford, the Governor of the Bank may well be approached again by the college to consider taking this post.

Mr. Richardson was their first choice, and he did consider

the possibility, giving as his reason
for refusal, that he still had 'some
few years to go at the Bank.' That
was about 18 months ago, so it
is possible, I suppose, that he
might now reconsider.

Incidentally, both Geoffrey Smith
of The Times, and Malcolm
Fullerford of The Financial Times, are
ex-members of The Bow Group,
it transpires. The last seemed
really quite well disposed towards
us when I lunched with him today,
Yrs. ever,
John.