



10 DOWNING STREET  
LONDON SW1A 2AA

3

PM

THE PRIME MINISTER

19 January 1988

Dear Peter.

During my visit to the Soviet Union last year, we agreed to establish a public lecture to be given in alternate years in Britain and the Soviet Union. The lectures are to be on a social, economic, cultural or political theme and to be delivered by a "distinguished public figure" from the country concerned.

The Russians inaugurated the series with a lecture at Chatham House by Academician Abel Aganbegyan, the economic architect of the Soviet reform programme. I am very keen that we should field an outstanding first British speaker, sometime in the second half of this year, and just wonder whether you would be prepared to take it on.

I know that you are looking forward to a rest. But I can think of no-one who would get the series off to a better start or say the things which need to be said more felicitously. The resources of the FCO would be at your disposal to provide material.

It would be marvellous if you would do it. I do hope you will.

Yours ever

Raymond

The Rt. Hon. Lord Carrington, KG, CH, GCMG, MC

ea