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Dear Hugh,

Many thanks for your letter of 31 August. I will, of course, ensure that the Prime Minister sees Robert Skidelsky's letter and I am sure she will wish to reply.

On a separate matter, I recall that you said at your last meeting with the Prime Minister that you would be very happy to assist with any of her forthcoming speeches. We are, of course, currently thinking about the Party Conference and I know that, in the foreign affairs section, she is anxious to rebut the arguments of Frances Fukuyama. She strongly believes that the battle is not won and that there are always evils in the world to be opposed. Obvious current examples are those who give support to international terrorism and those who allow production and distribution of hard drugs.

I thought that this theme is one which might appeal to you and I know the Prime Minister would be very interested to see any thoughts you have. However, we will of course understand if you feel you are unable to help this time.

Yours,

John
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Political Secretary

Lord Thomas of Swynnerton



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Dear John

The enclosed letter is from Prof Robert Skidelsky, an excellent historian: professor of history at Warwick. I think the Prime Minister may be interested to see his letter & his article. This, as I have thought, vaguely SDP in views, he wd be one of those whom I wd. suggest the Prime Minister may come to dine at our hostman's dinner.

Another letter or two will follow.

Yours ever
Hugh