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You very kindly wrote to me on March 9th enclosing a brief on the City Press. I understand that we are meeting on Monday 2 May at 11.30 and I am sorry that this has had to be postponed until after my return from China.

I fully appreciate the importance of the City Press as indeed do other members of the front bench team but I share your opinion that specialist writers can easily be neglected during periods of Opposition. However, Sir Geoffrey Howe and his team have formed a close working relationship with several City Journalists - of all political persuasions - and he regularly keeps me informed about their views. I thought that I would, therefore, send a copy of your very helpful brief to Geoffrey Howe so that he can reply to you in greater detail about the sort of contacts he has been having.

Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing you in May.

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