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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Thank you for your letter about Sir John Hoskyns' speech. Personally, I was very concerned about it because it made a sharp attack on people who are unable to reply. I can only say that those who work in my office in No. 10 are quite outstanding and tireless in their dedication. Any one of them would be snapped up in the City and paid far more than in the Civil Service. Nevertheless, they stay here because of the importance of their work.

Of course I see the <u>best</u> and in any group of 650,000 anywhere - public or private - there will be some to criticise. But there are more to praise.

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