

The Rt. Hon. Lord Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.H., F.R.S., D.C.L.



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Quarter - I joined this before I became leader & and it is causing problems I think I should keep out

My dear M.,

I enclose a copy of a letter I have had from ^{- otherwise} Michael Fidler, inviting me to become a member of ^{the} Conservative Friends of Israel.

I have sent him a holding reply.

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As you know, I tend to take the Israel point of view in the Middle East Affairs but I would not wish to join anything which would embarrass you or our spokesman on Foreign Affairs. Could you kindly give me guidance?

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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
House of Commons, S.W. 1.

Sorry to bother you at a time when you must have so much else on y^r mind.