

27 Nov. Spey now in its 4th day. On page 93 of one of the photographed papers there is a delightful doodle caricature of an eighteenth or early nineteenth century Scottish judge in his wig. Difficult Council L.I. (Charitable status). Got my way. We are to go ahead. After Council dinner read Dick Crossman for review. No keys in bedroom. After midnight changed my mind & drove home. As I was putting my car away, 2 police in car. "We have had a warning you are to be attacked" "You and all Conservative lawyers" "Was I mentioned personally?" "Yes". Woke up M. Ross M. Whirter shot at his front door (presumably IRA).

30 Nov. Shooting Firtle. 384 pheasants. Except for one stand I was lamentable. Party: George & Diana Gage, Edward Victor Camille Cazalete. 3 young Cazaletes. Michael & Ann Tree. Longfords to dinner Sat: night. A delicious interlude.

15. Dec: I have now completed revised draft of my judgment on the Spey case. Confering, Ian Fraser, Cyril Salmon, Richard Wilberforce and I for dismiss? appeal on grounds that Spey is a public navigable river & not on Inner House grounds. Reggie for allowing appeal (no pub: termini & right lost by disuse since 1885). At Other Club Thur. Maurice MacM. Toby Aldington Hinch. Jock Colville. Toby said Ted Heath was going on with his magisterial speeches on policy generally & did not wish for a special job inside the Shadow. I said that a place sh^d be found for him inside as an elder Statesman. Toby said he thought Ted might accept this. I said. Does Margaret know. Toby sugg^d: I might tell her. I have not done so. Hinch: was v: offensive about ~~him~~ Ted & then turned his guns on me for my support of the rule of law, wh: he said was "a monster". He was for liberty, but omitted to explain how this is possible without a framework of law. Jock Colville plans to organise a go slow in the event of a wealth tax