

From: The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC., MP



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*Dear Max*

You will remember that Maxwell Joseph financed the two previous occasions I think on Gordon Reece's initiative.

In view of the extent to which you have now been "promoted" by William Hickey, are you the appropriate person to work out whether Max Joseph (or somebody else) remains in a generous mood?

Richard Ryder, Esq.

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Sir A. Howe

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As you know, I have now spoken to Geoffrey Johnson-Smith about the possibility of arranging another Dinner for City Editors and other financial journalists, and I know that he will be in touch with you shortly.

Richard Ryder  
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As you know, Margaret Thatcher has passed on to me your note about city editors which certainly contains a sensible analysis of the need to keep in close touch with them.

I have, during the last twelve months, held two dinners of the kind that you suggest in order to establish good personal relationships between city editors and members of my financial team. They were, I believe, much appreciated and I am sure that we ought soon to try to go round the circuit again.

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