



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Richard.

A note, belated I fear,
to say how much we missed you
at the Top Science Review Body lunch.
I enjoyed it very much and we
had an interesting discussion. None of
us can divorce ourselves from the
performance of the economy; the problem
is how to take it into account when
making recommendations. I shall have
to consider the specific terms of reference

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and whether they could be modified in any way; further whether government should give evidence on the general economic scene. Apart from these

two matters, I am very concerned that judges should be dealt with speedily. Their position is unique and vital to the whole functioning of a free society.

What changes have come over the House of Commons since some day here! And I fear for the worst. Last week was the first time I have ever seen a leader of the Opposition not support the throne. All good wishes.

Your ever
Rayner