

Prime Minister

A request has come to Central Office from Ronnie Butt for an interview - either to be published in Question and Answer form or as a background for perhaps a Conference article - during the week of the Conference.

I recommend a regret on the usual grounds that you do not usually give interviews immediately before or during the Conference, otherwise you pre-empt your speech. Do you agree to regret?

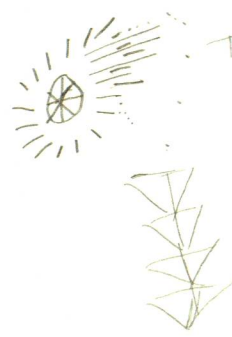
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