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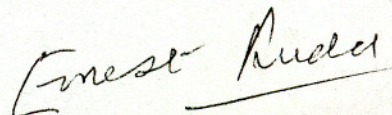
Dear Keith,

As I told you, I strongly support the general principles set out in paragraph 3 of your memorandum dated 11th June. However there are some points of detail on which I am not entirely happy.

The first concerns the reference to "the accepted conventions" for interruptions, questions and heckling. I am not sure to what extent there are any fixed conventions. A lot depends on the way a meeting is organised and chaired. I would like to see some reference here to the right of a chairman to call a meeting to order and to eject from the meeting anyone who refuses to comply with his rulings.

Secondly I do not believe there are any objective standards by which one can say that it is or is not morally justifiable to act in a particular way in given circumstances. I would therefore prefer your paragraph 3 c with the addition of some such phrase as "widely accepted as" before "morally justifiable".

Yours sincerely,



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