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My dear Mayank,

What a splendid
writing! Here I sit, wracked
in Romeo & Julietta,
reflecting yet again on your
immense personal kindness
& straightforwardness for others, and
how that is just one of the
many reasons why you are
leader of the Party. Bless you
& thank you — from both
heart and lungs!

With the best of Brighton One

forever laid² by Bright
Two (if you can handle
that hall, you can handle
anything!) thoughts turn to
the present & future.

Here with a few unadmitted
or no doubt & blinding glimpses
of the obvious that occur to
me, for what, if anything,
they are worth.

① Your reply to the Queen's Speech

Largely a question of
tone, I would have thought.
The quizzical, ironic, above
all unruffled approach would

Seem to be indicated.

● Unlike the former manner
 "we are amused" - by what
 our imagines will be C's
 comparatively innocuous little
 laundry-list. Except,
 perhaps, for the odd item,
 it should be "socialism more
 thickly under wraps than
 ever - tied up with the
 palest of pale pink ribbons
 for the benumbing of the
 cleavage. Labour Left &
 fellow-travellers heavily
 sedated & wearing the mask
 of virtue, as they swallow their

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milk - and - with medicine
with as food a pea as they
can muster. Just to look
at their faces an entertainer
in itself, etc, etc." In the
words, smokesmen Socialism
can't, exposed with a smile.

(2) Ted + Co

Building bridges the immediate
tactical essential. Notify,
neutralize, contain, unite.

After a few outbursts over
Berwick, this seems to be in
hand. I'm sure it's vital.

(3) Income policy v. free
collective bargaining

(Responsible or otherwise)

The key issue of the moment:
we are all economists now!

You spelt out our approach
clearly & lucidly at Brighton,
but that was surely just the
beginning. There is a massive
job of political education to
be done to get our policy across
to the general public.

Two main areas of difficulty:

(a) People think they know what
a pay policy is — "5% or not
a penny more. Any fool can
follow that." They know they
don't know what a monetary
policy is. Words like 'monetarist'
& 'fiscal', even 'money supply'
& 'cash limits' are caviare to

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the general. So the alternative
to an incomes policy can so
easily be portrayed as a
"free-for-all" (the Hayward &
Heath dust) & the attendant
horrors of runaway inflation
— experienced by the public in
'75-76 but not experienced
by them in Feb. '74 —
conjured up as the inevitable
consequence.

(b) Pace Vauxhall, people
just don't believe the unions
will be responsible. So again
Labour can paint a wholly
false but easily put-over
~~play~~ picture of widespread

national bankruptcies &
massive unemployment "if
you vote Tory."

It seems to me that,
between now & then, the
entire apparatus of communication—
speeches, articles, papers, party
politicals, TV, radio, interviews,
the lot — should be mobilised
to put over our policy in the
simplest possible terms, so that
people can readily understand
what we mean and why.

It needs to be spelt
out again & again & again by
the entire Shadow Cabinet,
Central Office, Research Dept,
Sordun, Tim, and under Chris Potter

call.

Simultaneously we surely need to dramatize the folly of going back to a policy that has always failed in the long term — again with the kind of dearest, vivid imagery the man in the street can understand.

For example: if the wartime Normandy invasion had cost a million lives & been stopped in its tracks, we would hardly have waited a year, mounted a new invasion & gone in again by the same route. And

the war failed & cost 2 million lives, have waited two more years

again entered Europe the
same way. We'd have you
 round the back door or via
 Northern Europe or up from
 the Med or wherever, but we ~~would~~
 wouldn't have made the same
 military mistake three times.

As with men, so with
 money. However high - rise a
 policy may be, it's better than
 previously proven to therefore
certain disaster.

Of course events, as ever,
 will be the determining factor
 & here the major probability - the
 likely collapse of the rigid 5%
 man - is all in our favour.

But I'm sure the job of politically

educating the people in the
 madness of embracing the
 failed policies of the past (whilst
 at the same time not putting
 Ted's nose in it, but building
 a bridge that he & his little
 band of sympathisers can stand
 on, however reluctantly, with
 dignity & without division) is
 not only vital, it's the Riper
 Royal Road to Number 10.

If all this strikes you as
 total nonsense, blame it on
 the Cjans!

all love, dear. Never
 falter - but, thank God, you
 never do. Always your friend,
Ronnie.