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Dear Prime Minister,

Fredie Mount said I will come on Tuesday armed with material we have worked up from our first meeting with you. Ronnie Miller has already fed in some stuff to Fredie, so together we should have a proper starting base. If there is anything else you want, perhaps Caroline could let me know.

I am sure that our supporters do need a clearer grasp of the way Government policies hang together to make a coherent and positive whole. Even they start to believe that it all begins and ends with the Cuts! It is not a catalogue of achievements they want but instead they need to catch a glimpse of the vision - to see clearly the purpose and the pattern behind what we are doing. I remember on ILEA - all of us found that our real battle was to show we were fighting for educational excellence and not just battling against overpricing and comprehensivisation!

Penny and I were so sorry to see the trouble you had in Scotland. It must have been very distressing even after the immediate concern of the attack was past to feel that you were treated as an object for publicity seeking. A really nasty experience for you and A.T. We do hope that sort of thing will not happen again.

Yours ever

John