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Rt.Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P..  
Leader of the Opposition  
House of Commons  
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*Dear Margaret.*

At Shadow yesterday, Willie and Michael both expressed concern about the unwillingness of businessmen to make their views effectively felt about the Industry Bill.

I now hear that at a dinner last evening a few very senior industrialists were urging Ralph Bateman to mount a great campaign against the Industry Bill - and virtually ignored the efforts of the Opposition!

Bateman seemed likely to respond to the pressure - and there appears to be a danger that instead of co-operation there will be divided effort. This, I suggest, makes the more urgent the meeting that I think was proposed for you with a very small number of top industrialists, particularly Ralph Bateman.

I am copying to Willie and to Michael Heseltine.

*Kevin*  
*Keith*

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