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Dear Mr. Page,

I am writing to thank you for your support for the Private Members Bill which I am to introduce on Friday, 5th February, intituled Public Bodies (Admission of the Press to Meetings). You may remember that this matter was brought to the forefront of public notice as a result of the action of some local authorities in withholding information from the Press during the printing dispute.

I should perhaps emphasize
that there is no question
of admitting the Press to every
committee meeting of a local authority.
Moreover there is adequate provision
for excluding the Press from any
meeting while matters of a confidential
character are under discussion.

Among the Bill's sponsors are
Sir Lionel Heald, Sir Peter Agnew,
Captain Cortfield & John Hobson.

I expect the full text to be
published next week. We should
value your support on 5th February.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond H. Thatcher