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Dear Alfred

Social Democrats

I promised to send you some of our work on the Social Democrats. I therefore enclose samples of monitoring reports and briefing provided for the Party. You will also find enclosed two drafts of a paper making proposals as to the strategy we should implement in dealing with the Social Democrats. Of course this is a rapidly developing scene

We quite deliberately stayed our hand publicly until after Warrington although privately we did a great deal of work. I agree with you that it is important that we adopt an authoritatively endorsed approach from now on and Cecil Parkinson has this very much in mind.

Thank you for sending me a copy of your own paper. I should value the opportunity to discuss it with you.

Yours ever

Alan

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