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*Prime Minister*

*I have explained  
to the Edmonds assistant  
that you have never  
dined with the public  
sector boards.*

*Dear Tim,*

*Flay A*

Sir Michael has asked me to thank you for your letter of 28th April. *12*

We understand fully that the Prime Minister has many important calls on her time, but Sir Michael is, of course, disappointed that the BL Board will not be able to have an exchange of views with her about the future of the British motor industry, in view of the fundamental problems faced by the industry throughout the Western world and their inter-connection with Government policies. *7/1-*

We will be in touch with you later in the year to see whether there is any point in returning to the subject then.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Roger Holmes*

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Assistant to the Chairman