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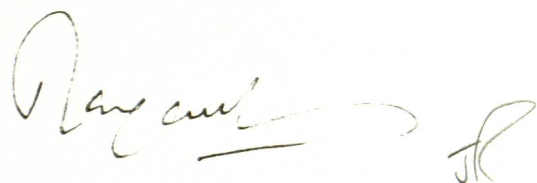
THE PRIME MINISTER

23rd January 1984

Dear Brian,

Thank you for your
kind letter about the IFA lunch.
It was a bit of a bumpy ride!
Your own words of support are
greatly appreciated. It just isn't
possible to do everything alone.

Yours ever

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Dear Prime Minister

It was a very great pleasure to meet you again last Monday at the IEA. As the lunch proceeded I became increasingly upset at the stidency of the criticism of the policies which you have implemented and the failure of those around the table to express any gratitude for your quite remarkable achievements. In my judgement it is not too strong to say that you have changed the face of British politics and set our economy in a totally different direction. I hate too think where we would be as a nation at the present if you had not won in 1979.

I am writing therefore, Prime Minister, to encourage you in the path you have chosen to lead us. The majority

at the last election is a far better
indicator of your real standing and of
people's deep seated appreciation for what
you have done.

With many good wishes for 1984

Yours ever

Jim Griffin