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Prime Minister

Alfred Sherman brought the enclosed material in by hand this afternoon.

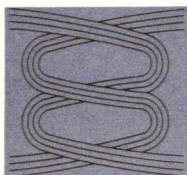
It relates to the degree of control which Arthur Scargill now exercises over local Labour Parties local authorities and, indirectly, over police authorities and transport. As Alfred points out, this control is exemplified by the Education Authority's decision to keep the schools open during the holidays to feed not only children but parents as well, free.

Alfred did say to me that if you wanted to see either him, or the author of this paper, to discuss the matter, they would be at your disposal. But I understand that you have recently spoken to Alfred, and this may not be necessary.

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"Cogitare qui audet omnia audebit".

18 July 1984

Rt Hon Michael Alison MP
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I enclose some material which the Prime Minister has specifically asked for. Most of it speaks for itself. What may not be readily understood is the degree of control which Arthur Scargill now exercises over the local authorities, not merely over police authorities but also over transport. This is exemplified by the education authorities' decision to keep the schools open all summer during the holidays to feed, not only children, but parents free.

Though there is much resentment among miners and local parties at Scargill's "God-father" status, it is hard to gather coherent foci of opposition.

Naturally I and the author will be on hand to answer further questions.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Alfred Sherman

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PRIME MINISTER

Can you confirm that you asked Alfred Sherman to approach Douglas Eden to let you have information on intimidation in the Yorkshire mines.

Did you know that Douglas Eden was the SDP candidate in the Euro Elections for South Yorkshire? Douglas rang Richard this morning to say that despite this he would be only too happy to help you but he just wanted to make sure that you had requested Alfred to contact him.

Can you confirm this please?

I wanted more

CR.

information & asked

Caroline Ryder
16 July 1984

Asked if he knew

when I could find it. Mrs
he must have mentioned my
name - & phoned Douglas Eden who I
have met long ago &

who I admire. I think however

we had better ~~be~~ not

go any further.

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