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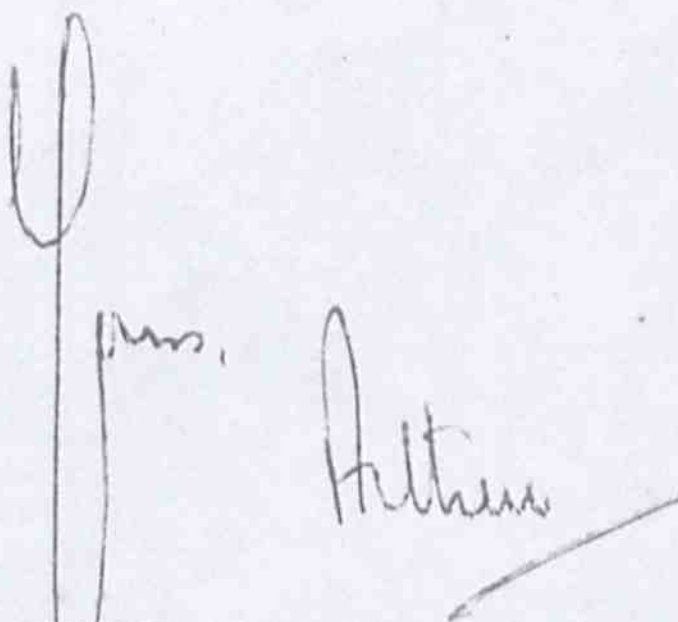
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EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

I have seen the correspondence on this which links in with some of our previous discussions - and difficulties.

I do not accept the argument that, if we do not act, our opponents will. On the contrary, if we act it is more likely to give our opponents a foundation on which to build. My own view is entirely in support of the voluntary approach. I accept that there may be occasions - as for example when we were ambushed over the companies' accounts point - where we may be manoeuvred into accepting some sort of legislative cover. But I would prefer to deal with that when it arises.

I am copying this letter to the other recipients of the earlier correspondence.


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