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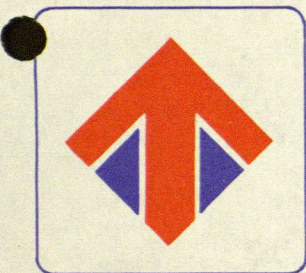
8th March 1985

Very many thanks for your further letter of 6th March about rating revaluation in Scotland.

Since you wrote in, the Secretary of State for Scotland made a Statement in the House about this subject. I enclose a copy of the extract from Hansard, in case you have not heard or seen this. I hope, very much, that this will stem the flow of critical hostility in Scotland. But I would be most grateful if you could keep me informed of the situation, and perhaps let me know the effects of this announcement.

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6th March, 1985

The Rt.Hon. Michael Alison, M.P.,  
10 Downing Street,  
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Dear *Michael,*

I am sorry to trouble you yet again on the Scottish rating and revaluation issue. You must be as sick of it as I am!

The situation is becoming more serious by the minute with many local Councils announcing their new rate poundage yesterday which on top of the revaluation figures gives such increases as 79% on domestic rates in Edinburgh with revaluation taking much of the blame.

The alarming thing is that our Councillors are simply no longer prepared to try to defend the Government's action in connection with this.

I regret to say that George Younger and Michael Ancram are losing all credibility. Meetings have been held over the past two days in Edinburgh and Glasgow in which businessmen, Conservative Councillors, Constituency Chairmen and party workers are all expressing absolute despair at the situation in which they have been put by Scottish Office. Sir Oulton Wade was at both these meetings and can confirm the gravity of our position and the depth of feeling that has built up.

The one encouraging factor is that there is still great support for the Party organisation in Scotland with the feeling that the Party activists have seen all this developing and have conveyed the messages loud and clear but they have not been heeded. We will certainly build for the future on the support that exists but on this issue of rates more than a palliative is very necessary.

I have a huge number of letters in this connection and if you wish them to be passed to you please let me know.

*Kindest regards,*

*Yours ever,*

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