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10th November 1981

Thank you so much for your letter of 6th November.

There is no keener de-nationaliser than I, and of course I will have a word with Iain Sproat.

I am delighted by the idea of forming the coal industry into a number of limited liability companies, and then distributing the shares to the miners.

Do please give me a ring when you get back from Hong Kong.

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Dear Lou,

I am off at unwell at dawn to
Hong Kong for a week.

I must report that I spent
an hour on Wednesday with Eain Spratt
who is excited with his new job and very
keen to get British Airways into
the market! I urged him on, but
got the impression that he will need
support from "on high" if he is to
overcome the usual pretexts for delay.
We must keep up momentum and keep
remembering we still have $2\frac{1}{2}$ years
- which is close to the maximum term
of 3 years which Malcolm Fraser gets
in Australia.

If you cannot bother MT direct
on this, could you have a private word

with Einar to see if there are obstacles
you can help overcome - or pressures
you can bring to bear.

I believe the highest priority
should be to reduce the number of
enterprises which are caught up in
the tools of PSBR. Incidentally,
if NUM turn rough on wage claims,
what about floating idea of the
workers, etc, taking over as in splendid
example of National Freight? Let
them say why they would not accept
responsibility for future when they say
the Government + taxpayer should go on
providing the finance?

We must get you to an IEA
lunch before Christmas.

Warmest regards

as ever

Wesley

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