MR. ALISON Anthony Steen, MP telephoned me to say that you had given him an assurance that the Prime Minister would meet in early September (before any decision was taken) the Chairmen of the independent airlines: he feels they have a case quite separate from B Cal. Moreover he feels she ought to see them as she has already seen Adam Thomson (of R. Cal) The Private Office are not keen for the Prime Minister to see these people. Indeed, Nick Ridley has already seen them. However, Steen was very pressing and as I was not clear about how much of an assurance you gave him I had to leave it by saying you would contact him on your return from holiday. He has various telephone numbers as follows:-01-219 5670 (his number in the HOC) 01-219 5045 (his secretary) 01-219 3778 (messages) 0804 32530 (his home in the country) (his Conservative Association) 0803 866069

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