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From the Private Secretary

26 January 1984

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Prime Minister. ①
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DRAFT LETTER TO J. MILNE, GENERAL SECRETARY, STUC

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24 January 1984

TELEMESSAGE
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THE STUC REQUESTED A MEETING ON SCOTT LITHGOW IN ORDER THAT YOU MIGHT UNDERSTAND OUR VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT, AND THE VIEWS OF OTHER SECTIONS OF THE SCOTTISH COMMUNITY. WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR VIEWS AND HOPE THAT ON THE BASIS OF RECENT DIALOGUE A SOLUTION MIGHT BE FOUND. WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED AT THE RESTRICTIONS YOUR OFFICE HAS PLACED ON THE MEETING SINCE ORIGINALLY AGREEING TO IT. WE HOPE YOU WILL RECONSIDER AND MEET US AS ORIGINALLY AGREED IN ORDER TO HEAR OUR CASE. WE FURTHER HOPE THAT YOU WILL AGREE TO OUR DELEGATION INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHURCHES, LOCAL AUTHORITIES, AND THE SCOTTISH COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRY. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE.

MR JAMES MILNE.

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