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Pine Milne.

A letter from the
Scottish TUC claiming
that they helped Ravenscroft
during the miners strike.

A classic case of selective
memory as you will see
from the attached quotation
from Milne. Still, I do not
think there is anything to
be gained by pursuing the
point.

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SCOTTISH TRADES UNION CONGRESS
General Council



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Our ref. JM/AMcC
Your ref.

12 August 1985

The Rt Hon M Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON

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Dear Mrs Thatcher,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29 July. Whilst doing so, let me clear up a misapprehension. It was the Scottish Trades Union Congress, in concert with the rail unions and the National Union of Mineworkers, who arranged for the carriage of coal for many months during the miners strike between Hunterston and Ravenscraig by rail. It was also partly through our efforts that two successive dock strikes were brought to a conclusion. Far from seeking to put Ravenscraig out of business, we did what we could to ensure orderly delivery of supplies through the routine channels.

Other people may have attempted to bring the Ravenscraig operation to a halt, certainly not us. You might perhaps draw these comments to the attention of Mr Tebbit.

The BSC, with the Government's approval, have in most peoples minds, taken a decision that will mean the closure of Ravenscraig - hardly a fitting reward for the efforts of the Ravenscraig workforce.

Yours Sincerely,
James Milne

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NOTE FROM ANDREW DUNLOP

Jimmy

Jeremy Milne, General Secretary of the
Scottish TUC:

"They (the miners) are saying they will
do everything to keep Ravenscraig
safe but not allow the production of
steel. I think it is an inevitable
step in the miners fight and I hope
the steel workers understand that."

Morning Star 19 June 1984