

LORD SPENS.

10th July, 1980

Thank you very much for your letter of  
9th July.

I much appreciate your having written and,  
in particular, what you say in the final  
paragraph of your letter.

I was very pleased to have had the opportunity  
of meeting you and your colleagues on Wednesday  
of last week.

The Lord Spens.



9<sup>th</sup> July 1980

Dear Prime Minister,

If I had been able to take my own decision at the end of yesterday's debate I would not have divided the House, because I was quite sure that you had taken all our points, when you saw us last week. I would probably have been torn to death by the baying hands behind me; and I believe that a division gave a lot of satisfaction to your loyal supporters.

May I wish you and Mr. Prior all success, not only in this limited sphere, but in the enormous task you have taken on.

Yours sincerely,  
Michael Spinks.