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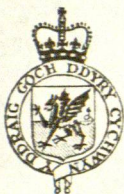
Dear Adrian,
I think it would not be worth your while for me to give you details of matters which are liable to be totally contained within the Welsh Political Context. There are however two major issues which will certainly impinge upon National politics; first, the Severn Bridge and the feasibility of a second crossing; and, second, the future of Llanwern steelworks in the light of the collapse of the United States steel deal. I am afraid that I can not predict precise timings for you, although the Department of Transport may be in a better position to tell you about an announcement on the Bridge.

*Yours,
Chris*

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Dear Alison,

I have now spoken with my Secretary of State and shown him my letter to you of 20 January 1984. He is satisfied with its contents. He commented that the whole of our relations with local government could well be a source of considerable problems over coming months, but once again this is an area where other departments are best placed to inform you on content and timing.

Since my letter of 20 January, a considerable amount of media interest was generated within Wales by the refusal of our Minister of State to attend the Rugby International between Wales and Scotland in Cardiff on 21 January. Seven MPs, including one Cabinet Minister, did, however, attend in an unofficial capacity but were duly recognised by the media. I have no doubt that similar interest from the media will be generated by the attendance of MPs at the England-Wales match at Twickenham on 17 March. If Welsh experience is anything to go by, the media will be attempting to draw out inconsistencies between the position of the Government on sporting contact with South Africa and that of its MPs and Ministers.

I would be grateful if you were to acknowledge receipt of this letter.

*Yours,
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