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Dear Alfred,

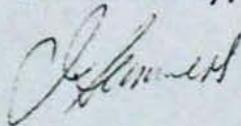
Just a line to thank you for a most interesting and stimulating lunch on Monday. I have been in touch with Terry Price to sort out dates and agree the format for a presentation.

While I am perhaps a little less concerned than Terry, at this stage, about maintaining an apolitical stance, I am still reconnoitering the political world to see where my ideas may have some application. This naturally means talking to people in the political parties, the Civil Service and the unions. I am just completing an article describing the "causality model" approach to understanding our problems and I have one or two others at the design stage, again concerned with systems thinking applied to national problems.

I don't think there could possibly be any conflict of interest as any discussions would obviously be in confidence. But I thought it was important to make my own position clear. I am not a committed supporter of the Tory Party, but I find that their (or perhaps particularly the CPS) view of an organic socio-economic system rather than a mechanical one corresponds more closely with the real world.

I look forward to seeing you again soon, and again thank you for the lunch.

Yours sincerely,



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