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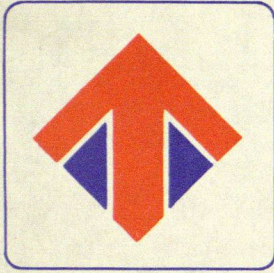
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Thank you for your letter of 16th April, together with its enclosures. I am grateful to you for continuing to keep us abreast of feelings in Scotland, and the material you have sent will be helpful, especially in the run-up to the Prime Minister's Scottish Conference speech.

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*Adm*

Rt. Hon Michael Alison MP.,  
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*Dear Michael,*

The protests over revaluation and the rating system continue unabated.

Of even greater concern is the fact that we are now losing practically every local government by-election - one recently in George Younger's constituency in a "safe" Conservative Regional seat which we lost with an 11.6% swing to Labour. In a District Council by-election in Kirkcaldy last week we came bottom in a four cornered fight in a seat which our Central Fife Association had high hopes of winning. They have no doubt that revaluation and the rating system was the sole cause.

If the Conservatives have to have any immediate future in Scotland, the Perth Conference is the latest date that something positive must be announced. The situation really is quite desperate.

I enclose a few press cuttings and letters which are just samples of what is happening.

*Best wishes,*

*Yours ever,*

James Goold