

MINISTER FOR AIR

27th July, 1962.

My dear Prime Minister,

I refer to your letter of 27th July and to our conversation this afternoon.

It is clear that I have formed an opinion of the nature of our interests in the negotiations for British entry into the Common Market which differs in significant respects from that of my senior colleagues in the Cabinet. I appreciate the points you make and tender my resignation accordingly.

In doing so I should like to emphasise that the difference is essentially one of perspective and emphasis, and that I support fully the efforts which you and Mr. McEwen have been and are making to safeguard the interests of those of our industries most likely to be directly affected.

This episode in no way diminishes my high personal regard and feelings of friendship for you and our colleagues. You may rely confidently upon my support for yourself and the team as in the past.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Leslie Bury.

(L.H.E. Bury)

The Right Honourable P.G. Menzies,
C.H., Q.C., M.P.,
Prime Minister,
