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Dear John,

I have not written to you for a long while and this letter is not about Santos and Delhi.

We have had a sad time here of recent years with the very regrettable Labour-Socialist Federal Government. As a result, we now have a self-inflicted and high degree of inflation and also unemployment. I hope that, Labour having been expelled from office, the Liberals under Fraser may get us back to a better state before long.

Recently, at my instigation, Australia has had a visit from one Antony Fisher of London. A successful businessman, youngish but retired, he is the founder of the Institute of Economic Affairs, London. This has had, after a slow start, a good record of achievement in getting some academics and politicians and therefore people too, to see the error of the socialist-communist way. So much so, that Fisher was recently invited to advise and direct the new Fraser Institute in Vancouver B.C. He is in demand to do so elsewhere in the western world, including a show in Los Angeles and one in New York - quite apart from approaches from Europe.

Anyway, I was fortunate enough to get Fisher here (Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney talking to meetings of directors of companies etc.) for a fortnight. I am hopeful that we will be able to proceed along the route he has outlined.

I cannot tell you his method quickly. What you may say, what any business itself may say, is put down by many to "vested interest". He has a technique of getting academics to say and write under their own names what business cannot say for itself. It is now having some good results in the U.K. and in Canada. I have had, over the years, a good bit to do with Chambers of Commerce, of Manufacturers, with politicians - and what they say is regarded sceptically by a public encouraged by leftwing academics.

Fisher's method seems to me to be the best I have come across.

Sporadic attempts to defend private enterprise, private property, freedom of choice must, of course, be made whenever possible. However, Fisher's method is not so sporadic.

It is a continuing process. It provides ideas and books-read by academics, students, journalists and the public. Also the books are reviewed in the press, and go some way to get on to the bookstalls, and into the shops, something vastly different from the socialist nonsense that has proliferated for years. (The method can be backed up in many ways - by a society etc. etc.)

I am going to give Fisher your address. If he gets down your way I hope you will see him. He is not in it just to earn his own living - but to help the cause. I mean the cause of freedom, the maximising of choice, a market economy-as opposed to controls.

The continual growth of government control, of denial of the right to have private property, leads to "Big Brother" systems and eventually dictatorship.

In my opinion, what I call "the Fisher method" is the most hopeful that I have come across.

I am trying to get an "Institute" going here. However, if you can get or help to get the idea going in the U.S.A. that will be excellent. If America can keep the flag flying - it should help all the western world. Fisher's ideas as to method should be of real interest and benefit and, incidentally, they should benefit you.

Best wishes to you and Lupe,

Sincerely,



John Bonython.