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Dear Mr Brown,

I am writing this note to explain the delay in getting in touch with you. John Bond and John's father explained how upset they were by the refusal of your application for an allowance and I suggested we should organise some dignified method of ^{for all disabled people applying for allowances} pressing the Government to improve the procedures. In accumulating information I have been in touch with other people in the Child Poverty Action Group to learn their experiences. Out of this has emerged a proposal to ask distinguished people of different political persuasions to sign a short statement ^{the Government to set up} inviting an independent inquiry into present methods of determining awards. This can be made public at the same time as our own criticisms of Government policy. If one of the journalists e.g. Pat Healy of The Times, wishes at that time to consult you to give more detailed information ^{to illustrate the general principles} please feel free to refuse or agree. I shall not pass on your name to anyone else but her without your permission. But it may take a little time to get all this organised. If in the meantime you hear anything more about your ~~review~~ review (I have seen a copy of Mr Heath's letter) I would be glad to know. Many good wishes Peter Townsend