



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

21 May 1980

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for your letter of 13 May, which was also signed by Jack Straw and Nicholas Winterton.

What I said in the House was that I hope that any such deputation would go, in the first place, either to the Secretary of State for Industry or the Secretary of State for Trade. I do not under-estimate the difficulties which the textile industry is now facing, but I think it would be best for you to make your approach to John Nott or Keith Joseph initially. I am sure that they would both be happy to meet you and your delegation.

I am copying this letter to Jack Straw and Nicholas Winterton.

Yours sincerely

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