

Prime Minister

Wessex Area Visit

Thursday 14th - Friday 15th February

1. I attach programme.

2. David Roberts, the Wessex Area Agent, has just heard that the Harris Bacon Factory in Calne (where you are visiting an electronics factory) has just made 450 people redundant.

He wondered whether you might prefer <sup>Yes</sup> to go somewhere else, as there will probably be some sort of demonstration in Calne on the day of your visit.

*We can't go there!*

Sally

29.1.80.

*No answer  
=*  
*on arrival like that!*

*and*

MR PATTISON

Richard Needham approached the Prime Minister in the House of Commons last night about the meeting with a deputation from Harris Bacon Factory (where 450 people have just been made redundant), in Calne.

The Prime Minister has agreed to this, (I attach details about who will be there).

David Roberts (our Area Agent) has organised this to take place immediately after the Prime Minister's visit to Calne Electronics.

They will meet in a room at the Calne Electronics Factory (which will previously have been used for a briefing prior to the tour of factory).

Sally Dickson

14th February 1980

cc Mr Gow, Mr Howe, Mr Ingham

Additional Information on Suggested Factories

1. Hi-Flex International

Not interesting enough to look at, therefore not now recommended for visit.

2. G R Electronic Group

Workforce - 55

Founded by local man but now bought out by Gresham-Lyon Group.  
Electronics manufacturers for Ministry of Defence.  
Not microchip.

3. Kode Electronics, Calne

Laying employees off therefore not now recommended for visit

4. Calne Electronics Ltd (as alternative to Kode Electronics)

Private Company. Employs 90. Founded in 1948.

Business has taken off in last ten years.

Good labour relations.

Do not export except when manufacturing for Ministry of Defence.