



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

11 February 1981

Dear Mr. Stocks,

Thank you for your two letters about the closure of the Tate and Lyle Refinery.

We are all concerned about the impact this closure will have on Merseyside which already has a higher than average rate of unemployment. I fully understand your wish to bring a delegation to see me. But I feel that it would be preferable for you to see Peter Walker because he has been personally involved in discussions with Tate and Lyle and others. You sent a copy of your letter to Peter Walker and his office will be in touch with you.

Yours sincerely
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