



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for
your undated letter received
yesterday re. my request for an
all Party meeting with you
with other interested parties
concerning the possible saving
of the Tate + Lyle Refinery
at Liverpool. I was shocked
by your refusal and believe
this may have been caused by

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the oral question by Altou to you
on Tuesday. I sincerely hope
you will re-consider your
decision and meet at least
an all party deputation of
merseyside members if you
don't want to meet any
body else. May I say I
deplore anybody making
cheap political capital out
of this very sad situation.

I understand that some of
your own members will



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be writing to you and must
advise you that seven
conservative members attended
the meeting yesterday with
Peter Walker. Could you
have urgent talks with the
minister and see if he will
hold urgent talks with
Lord Jellicoe and with
Beckett of the B.S.C to
see if a joint venture into
exports which would be in



the national interest and could
save the refinery. I must
remind you again that
unemployment in my constituency
is over 50% and that about
500 of the workers at Tates
Lyell are my constituents
This has been confirmed by a
independent survey taken
last week by a national
newspaper. Surely there must
be a way the Government
can prevent this tragic

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closure. I have tabled an
Early Day motion which
has been signed by more
than 100 members asking
you to think again.

Please do.

Sincerely
Bob Patry.