



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 Albert 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



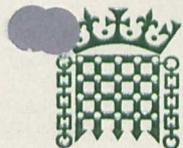
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be writing to you and must  
advise you that seven  
conservative members attended  
the meeting yesterday with  
Peter Walker. Could you  
have urgent talks with the  
minister and see if he will  
hold urgent talks with  
Lord Jellicoe and with  
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.