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THE PRIME MINISTER

16 February, 1981

Dear George.

Thank you for your letter of 2 February.

I welcome the approach you have made to the major ACP supplies which should help to meet their concern, which they have also voiced to me, that the closure of the Liverpool refinery will adversely affect their interest in supplying sugar under the Lome Convention.

The pressure you have faced following your decision is understandable given the very serious unemployment situation in Liverpool. A number of delegations have asked to come to see me about it. In my view, however, this is a matter which is best discussed with the responsible Minister. Peter Walker is, of course, keeping me very closely in touch with developments. I understand that you have already arranged to meet him next week.

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The Rt. Hon. Earl Jellicoe, D.S.O., M.C.

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