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## 10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

15th March 1983

Dear Richard.

Conservatives have always known that if we are to create more real jobs, two things are necessary.

First to reduce inflation. This we have done, and the current rate is the lowest for 13 years.

Second, to provide the best designed goods of the highest quality at the right price and on the due delivery date. Here, too, our policies are working. Business and industry are becoming more and more competitive.

Our incentives to encourage new businesses are the most imaginative in the world. From these new businesses tomorrow's jobs will come for our young people.

I know that you will remind the electors of Darlington that it is the Conservatives who have:

- introduced the most exciting Youth Training Scheme ever, so that from this September onwards, everyone of school leaving age will have the chance of continuing with his education, or a job, or a year's training
- protected all pensioners (and there are now 600,000 more of them than in 1979), fully, against price increases, in spite of the deepest world recession for 50 years
- removed from tax altogether the War Widows' pension
- despite absurd propaganda that we are dismantling the National Health Service, provided 41,000 more nurses and midwives and 2,300 more doctors and dentists

- raised the Mobility Allowance for the disabled and removed it from tax
- amended trade union law so as to provide a fairer balance between the rights of the Trade Unions and those of the rest of the community
- enabled half a million people to buy their own council homes so that we now have a record number of home owners
- provided 9,000 extra police, with better equipment, many of them out of their panda cars and back on the beat
- spent more money per pupil in schools than ever before

These are the facts. And the facts are a real achievement during a time of deep recession.

There is no swift, easy way to success. When times are difficult it is perseverance that counts. And persevere is exactly what this Government is determined to do. Sensible people do not give up when success is in sight.

I know that you will make a first class Member for Darlington and will look after the interests of all your constituents.

With best wishes for a triumphant result on 24th March.

Yours ever  
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