



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

20 February 1981

*Dear Malcolm*

Thank you for your letter of 11 February.

I very much understand your anxiety to ensure that every possible course which would prevent this closure is fully examined. But I can assure you that I am keeping very closely in touch with all the discussions, and that I have seen full reports of the meetings Peter Walker held with an all party group of MPs on 11 February and with the widely drawn delegation on 17 February similar to that which you wish to bring to me.

As you know, I have made clear that this is a matter on which I believe it is best for such deputations to be received by the responsible Minister, although I have said that I will see Robert Parry, the MP in whose constituency the closure would take place.

I am copying this letter to Mr. Ogden.

*Yours*

*Robert*

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*P.S. I will of course see you at any time.  
I always see any of our own M.P.'s at their  
request etc.*