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The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

Dear Prime Minister,

You indicated in Question Time today that, "in the last resort" you would be prepared to receive a deputation from the Lancashire Textile Industry.

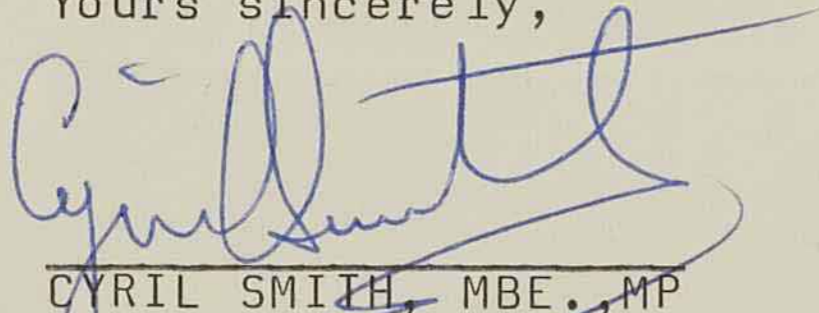
Mr Jack Straw, the Honourable Member for Blackburn, and Mr Nicholas Winterton, the Honourable Member for Macclesfield, and Chairman of the All Party Textile Group, together with myself, are now hereby formally requesting you to meet such a deputation, which we will be happy to organise.

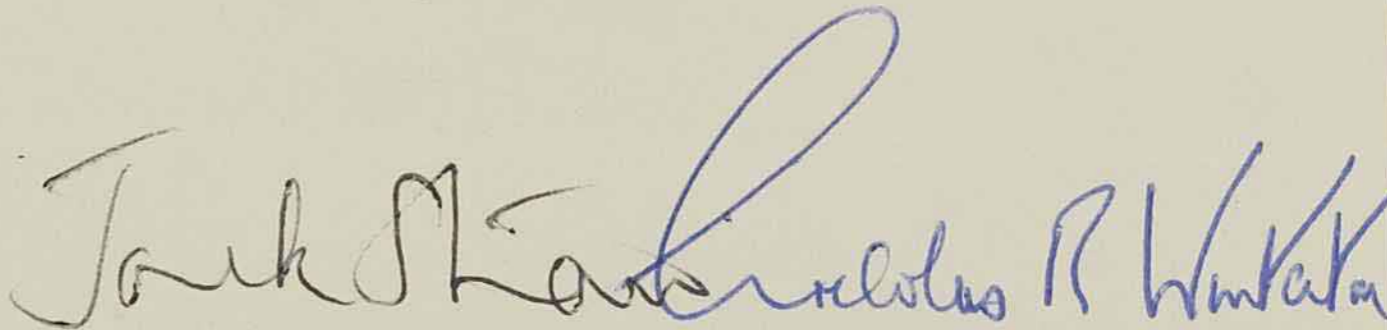
We do consider that "the last resort" has now been reached in this industry, and we are of the agreed opinion that a meeting with you will give the industry the feeling that it so desperately needs, that the Government is concerned about its plight.

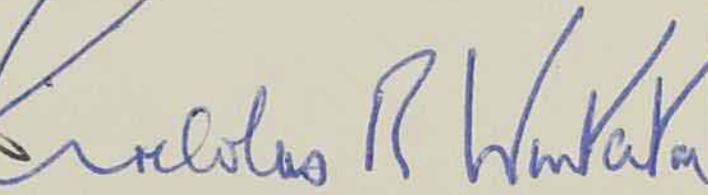
We would intend that the deputation would be led by 6 Members of Parliament of all three Parties, together with employers and Trade Unionists from the Textile Industry, and we would assure you that the object of the meeting would be constructive.

We look forward to hearing from you that you will carry out your promise of this afternoon, by advising us to contact your Private Office in order to arrange an agreed date.

Yours sincerely,


CYRIL SMITH, MBE.,MP


JACK STRAW,MP


NICHOLAS WINTERTON,MP