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THE PRIME MINISTER

13 April, 1981

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Dear Mr. Goldsmith,

Thank you for your letter of 31 March about consultations on the Green Paper on trade union immunities.

The Government is expecting to receive comments on the Green Paper from the main employers organisations by 30 June and, as you may know, Jim Prior has told the TUC that he cannot extend the consultation period. I realise that for some organisations this is a tight timetable and that they may be able to let us have their considered views only around the end of June. It will, of course, take a little time after the end of consultations to assess all the comments received. However, I can assure you that this timetable would not preclude further legislation in the 1981/82 Parliamentary Session if that were shown to be necessary or desirable.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

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