



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

9 November, 1981

*Dear Miss Davies,*

Thank you for your letter of 2 November, and for all the letters from the farmers in your form.

Clearly something very strange has been happening at the farms visited by Mr. Seal. Whatever it is, it should have been investigated in the first place by the police. I will see that a full report is made to them. They will then come and visit the farms, look at the evidence and take statements from everyone who saw or heard anything at the time these events happened.

The police themselves will decide how to carry out their investigations. If they then think that a crime has been committed they may then decide to prosecute the person they suspect. No politician can give them instructions about that. In this country, we believe that although politicians make the laws in Parliament, it is the police who decide whether anyone should be prosecuted and the Judges who conduct the trial in court. Politicians do not interfere with the way the police and the Courts carry out their responsibilities.

Mr. Seal and I have consulted together about these matters. We both agree that the police should be called in to investigate these strange happenings. In the meantime neither of us can draw any conclusions.

*Yours sincerely*

*Margaret Thatcher*

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